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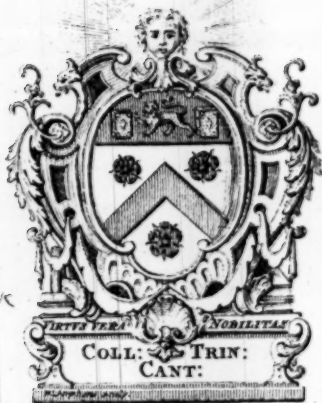
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To the curious Reader.

SINCE the naturall inclination of our corrupt affections (curteous and indifferent Reader) is inamored of nothing so much as of Variety, (the eye as it were being become the soules Soueraigne) & this Variety so govern'd by a flegmaticke inconstant Tutor, that things of the least value (if various) are of high price, nay almost like Diamonds (of many car-roots) boundlesse in estimation: And since of all the varieties with which we feast and surfeit our mindes, lests (though cloathed in foolish, filthy, or vnfit garments) haue got the most eminent and precedent place in mens soules; some pryzing their friends lesse then their follies, & some giuing more for a little gall of wit then for all the hony of learned wisdom: What can a man better present both to giue contentment, & some cure to these false shapes then this Treatise, which hauing beene collected many yeares agoe, and generally receiued with all the applause and liking due to so witty a speaker, is now for your better recreation, newly augmented & adorned with many excellent and note-worthy

To the Reader.

Essayes of wit : In this (which is indeed a meere
Rapsody of wit) men may learne how to jest without
hurt, how to exercise wit without flaunder, and how
to be harmlesly pleasant without ribaldry, or the
filth of vnwash'd wordes; each man hauing before
his eye a president of modesty and goodnesse, so sea-
soned with these *Sales* or good salts of vertue, that
no mirth can appere worthy which wants their sea-
soning; It was before good, and then esteem-
ed, it is now somewhat better, and there-
fore needs but begge to like
what hath and will be
allowed.

Farewell.





WITS, FITS, & Fancies.

OF KINGS. & PRINCES.



Lonso de Valentia

having yeilded to Ferdinando King of Spayne the Fort of Samora, it pleased the King (at his entrie thereinto) to view the king of Portugals rich wardrob there: where hauing suruaide a good space all his royall Robes and Jewells, he refused in the end to ransacke it, neither wold he bestow any one garment or Jewell vpon any of his Followers: whereupon, a Gallant then standing by, thus said vnto him. Pleaseeth your Maiesty, the King of Portugal hath not forbidden any rapine that euer he could attaine vnto, either vpon your Graces proper goods, or any of your subjects, and will your Maiesty then deigne to deale thus civilly with him: Whereunto the King answered: All that I desire of my Nephew of Portugal, is but to take away the bad conceits and opinions of his will, and not the attyes of his person.

A Portugal deliuered a Fozte to the foresaid Ferdinando King of Spaine, & being shortly after with the King in other seruice against his Countrymen (who very brauely defended their holde) he said vnto him: And it like your Maiesty I rendred you my Fozt with halfe this adoe: Peamary (answered the King) and therefore had I rather trust this defendants sonnes with my Foztcs, then yours.

A Portugal Gentleman besought his King of a protection against certaine his enemies, who had vowed his death: The King thereunto condescended, and gaue it him. Shortly after he came againe vnto the King, and complained to him of the great feare he went in, notwithstanding his protection: whereunto the King answered, From feare I cannot protect you.

The Duke of Nazareth, comming to the Court to doe his duty to the Emperour, in most rich & sumptuous robes, and his Lineries most gallant: The Emperesse seeing him out at a windowe, said: It seemeth that Nazareth comes rather to be seene of vs, then to see vs.

A Spane King of Granada, called Chiquito, yeilded the said towne to Ferdinando King of Spaine, vpon composition: and being marched away with his troops a mile or two from thence, made a stand, and from a high Hill turned backe to view the towne, as his last farewell thereunto: and beholding it, he fell a weeping, and said: Better had I lost my life then so faire a towne. His Mother herunto answered: You doe well (Sonne) to weepe like a woman, seeing you did not defend it like a man.

A Spane King shewing his Nobles much treasure, and a great heape of Jewels, they all commended his Maiesty so; so rich spoyles ouer his enemies: And one amongst the rest said: And it like your Maiesty, how great a felicity were all this, if a man were to liue euer: The King answered: You haue spoken very fondly, so; were not men mo; tall

mostall, I had neuer bœn King.

Ferdinando King of Spaine, asked Auennamer a Moor King (his prisoner) how he liued so long, being a man of great yeares? He answered, I neuer stood when I might sit, I married late, I was a widower betimes, and I meane neuer to marrie moze.

Salladine the Moor, that last of all wonne Ierusalem from the Christians, dying: commaunded a winding sheet to be borne in pompe at his Funerall, vpon the poynt of a Raunce, and a Herald to pronounce (aloud) these wordes: Saliadine great Lord of Asia, of all his wealth & glozy, onely this winding sheet he carryeth away with him.

Ferdinando King of Spaine, made choice of a gentleman, who was none of the best of sight, to employ him in an especiall affaire: But the Quene entreated the King to choose some fitter person, namely, one of a better sight: The King would not but employed him, who very happily effected the affaire. Shortly after, the King vsing him in another peece of seruice, it was the Gentlemans chance to haue yll successe therein: Whereupon, at his vnluckie returne, the Quene commaunded her Treasurer to giue him two hundred pounds for his paynes. The Treasurer mervailing why her Maestie was so bountifull to one, whom she so ill conceited, and had so ill deseru'd, The Quene said: As for his former seruice, in that he did it wel, he did it out of kinde: but now that he hath failed herein, I tell you, he hath duly done his kinde, and fitted my expectation.

Isabell Quene of Spaine, willed a Gentleman to buy her a Nag of such a proportion, and of such a colour: The Gentleman not finding any such, presented her with a most goodly Horse and a Mare, but she still demanding the aforesaid Nag, at last he answered. And it like your Maestie, such a Nag I can not finde, and therefore doe heere present you this Horse and Mare: May it but please your Grace

to bid them engender you such a *Flag* as you would haue,
and I dare say they will doe it in the best manner.

The aforesaid Queene of Spaine wonted to say, that e-
very ones good gesture is a letter in his commendation.

Philip the first, King of Spaine, seeing a Faulcon kill an
Eagle, commaunded the head to be wrong off, saying:
Let none presume against his Soueraigne.

The Earle of Warwicke asked King Henry the first,
why it pleased his Maiestie to goe so meanly attyred:
The King answered, It becommes a King to excell his sub-
iects in vertue, not in besture.

Alonso King of Aragon, washing his hands befoze din-
ner, deliuered to a gentleman that stood by, a couple of
Kings of great valew, to hold whilst he had done: and after
washing, not demanding them againe, it pleased the gentle-
man to keep them as his owne: A ten yerres after, the King
washing his hands as befoze, this gentleman chaced then to
stand by, and proffering to receiue his Kings againe, The
King knew him, and calling to minde his former villanie,
deliuered them to an other, and said to him, Pay soft freind,
no moze Kings for you, til you restore me my first couple.

The same King vsed to say, that five olde thinges plea-
sed him passing well: viz. Olde Wood for felwell, an
olde horse for easie riding, wine of a yere olde, olde freinds,
and olde Bookes.

An Arch-deacon of Ciuil in Spaine slew a Shoemaker,
and the Shomakers sonne besought Justice, and he had
it thus: viz. That the Arch-deacon for penance of the fact,
should not say Masse for the space of a yere after: This
Justice sufficed not the young Shoemaker, But chauncing
in the meane time, that Pedro King of Spaine came thither
in progresse: The Shoemaker then renewed his suit to his
Maiestie.

Wiestie. Whereupon the Iudge stepped forth and informed the King how that Justice was already passed vpon the said Arch-deacon, and told him all how it was. Neuertheless the young Schoomaker mainely importuning his Maiesty for better Justice: At last the King asked him, whether he thought him-selfe man ynough to kill the Arch-deacon: He answered, Yes: Doe it then said the King. Whereupon the next day, (being *Corpus Christi* day) and the Arch-deacon passing along in procession amongst the rest of the Clergie: The Schoomaker makes me no more adoe, but rushing vpon his person, stabbes him with his dagger. The King being complained vnto of this fact, and the fellow brought before him: It pleased the King in full notice of all the matter thus to pronounce sentence against him, namely: That in as much as the Arch-deacon was pennanced for his fore said murder, but only not to say masse for a whole yeare: that in like manner this Schoomaker should now not make any shewes the space of a whole yeare.

Richard the first, King of England, being in France, there came vnto him a french Priest named Fulco, and desired him to put from him three abhominable Daughters which he had, and to commit them to marriage: thou lyeest hypocrite (said the King) for all the world knowes I haue not a Daughter. I lye not (replied he) for you haue three: One is named Pride, another Couetousnes, and the third Lechery: The King smiling, call'd his Noble men, and said: this hypocrite deareth me to marry my three Daughters, which he calles Pride, Couetousnes, and Lechery: and now I haue found out apt Husbonds for them, I will doe his will. My Pride I bequeath to the proud Templars, for they contend with Lucifer: my Couetousnes to the Henkes, for they feed the Deuill and all: and my Lechery to the Priests, for they are most frequent therein.

Alfred King of England, vsed to say, that it is much safer to take aduise of the dead, then of the liuing: meaning Fooles, which neither for feare, nor yet for flatterie,

abstaine to tell a truth.

A Moor King of Granada vnderstood the Spanish tongue reasonable well, and sildome or neuer spake it. Being asked why he refused so to doe when occasion was offered: He answered, because a King ought neither doe nor say any thing, be it neuer so tryding, which may not beseme him passing well.

A Quene asking a Country Gentleman, when his wife was to be brought a bed: he answered, whensoever it shall please your Highnesse to commaund.

Vpon the first discoverie of the Indies, it was discoursed befoze Isabel Quene of Spaine, that hardly any of her subjects would be found, that would aduenture so far and dangerous a voyage by Sea. The Quene answered: Yes, Fooles and Pyfers will.

Isabel Quene of Spaine, wanted to say, that she loned a life these foure sights: An armed man in the Field, a Whore in his *Pontificalibus*, a Lady in her estate, and a Thiefe vpon the gallowes.

Henry the third, King of France, the very same morning that he had murdered the Duke of Guize in Bloies comming to the olde Quene his Mother with the newes, and asking her how she looked therof: She answered: It is well done (Sonne) if it be well done.

Quene Isabel of Spaine, abhorred Garlick, and it chanced on a time (through the Cooks negligence) that a dish of Fish was serued to her boord, which was all covered ouer with Parcelly, the which had layne among Garlick: Which, as soone as the Quene smelt, she said: Away with that Villaine, doe ye not see where he is come disguised in graine?

THe Emperour Nero hearing that his Predecessor Claudius was related among the Gods, and knowing that he died of a popson'd Gallade, said: I had not thought that Gallades had bene the swd of the Gods.



OF NOBLEMEN AND

Ambassadors.

DON Iohn first Duke of Medina Sydonia, being aduertis'd by his Treasurer that his expences were most excessiue, and his gifts all too liberall, he answered: I will haue the glory of my house knowne to the world, not by possessing much treasure, but by expending much treasure.

DON Fredericke of Tolledo, Duke of Alua, being besought vnto by a poore widdow Gentlewoman to prefer with his liberality her daughter in marriage, he was easily inclined so to doe: Whereupon he willed his Treasurer to giue her an hundred Markes: The Treasurer mistooke the Duke, & gaue her an hundred pounds: who shortly after conning to giue vp his accompts to his Lord, this hundred pounds came then in sight: whereunto the Duke excepted, & said: Why, I awarded but one hundred Markes. The Treasurer had then no other shift, but to say, that his eares mistooke his honours pleasure: Pay reply'd the Duke, rather doe I thanke God that he hath afforded thee better eares, then me a good tongue, and so he past the accompt for current.

A Plaine Country-man came to demanda iustice of the Lord high Constable of Castile, and thus he said: I am come to craue iustice of your Worship, I beseech your Excellence to dispatch me, for I am a poore man my Lord, and vlesse your Reuerence fauour my case, I am utterly vndone;

done: I pray your good Mastership to be good to me, and I will truly pray God to blesse your Alteze whiles I live. The Constable hereat broke forth a laughing, and said: His worze Swaine will be sure to hit me either high or lowe.

Menry the third King of France demanded of Mounſieur Dandelot what especiall things he had noted in England, during the time of his negotiation there: he answered, that he had ſene but thre things remarkable, which were, that the people did drinke in bowtes, eate rawe fiſh, and ſtrewd all their beſt romes with Hay: meaning, blake Jacks, Dyſters, and Ruſhes.

A Nobleman of Ferrara hauing liued to the laſt end of his age vnmarried, his friends demanded his reaſon why he would not take a wife: he answered, becauſe he would not be bound to get children: and being asked why he would not get children: he answered, becauſe he would not be bound to loue them.

Monſieur la Counte ſeing the Duke Byrons impatience befoze his death, asked him what he thought of death: that (ſaid he) betwixt it and life there is no difference: why then (ſaid the Counte) doe you not embrace it with more patience: becauſe then ſaid the Duke I ſhould not make them alike, but they muſt both be troubleſome.

A Opinion of the French Kings, who was noted for an infinite lecher, as hauing Cuckolded many Dukes and Princes, demanded of the *Grand Prior* if he might not ſwear he was no adulterer: euen as you pleaſe (ſaid the *Prior*) for perjury is no worſe a ſinne then adultery.

The Fortreſſe of Buitrago by negligence was ſet on fire, and burnt downe to the ground: the Duke of Infantalgo being thereof Lord: The Captaine of the place was the firſt man that brought the Duke newes of the miſchance,

chance, beseeching his Alteze, that seeing it hapned through his mære default, he would seuer his detested head from his shoulders, for an example to all careles Captaines euer after. Then the Duke ask'd him whether his nettes and toples which he had there for Déere, were also perished with the fire: he answered: No my Lord, they are safe: That's well said the Duke: As for the Fortresse, I tell thee Captaine, take no care, for I did meane to haue rased it long agoe,

A Poyr Gentleman of the Country had byed by a Horse to the perfection of a dainty good one, insomuch that he made account to be a great gainer thereby, and vpon diligent inquiry after a good Copesemate, he vnderstood that the Duke of Infantasgo would out of doubt giue him more for him then any in all the cuntry besides, so greatly that Duke delighted in choyse of good Horses. So him then this Gentleman needes would with his Horse, and traauiling on the way, the weather being extream hot, and the Horse no lesse fat and foggy, with ouer much former ease, fell downe and died. The Gentleman neuer theles got the Horse slay'd, and carried the skin to shew the Duke, and said vnto him: Your Honour may iudge by this skin what a goodly Horse it was, and God is my Iudge, my Lord I was byinging him to offer vnto your Lordship before all others. Gramercy said the Duke: but tell me: what did you value the Horse at: Belæue me my Lord (he answered) not vnder an hundred pounds could haue bought him of me. With that the Duke commaunded his Treasurer to giue the poyr Gentleman two hundred pounds, and said vnto him: I giue you these two hundred pounds as a charge that through your default you neuer suffer any so gallant Horse miscarry any more so mishanceably vnder your hands.

Sir Thomas Moore wanted to say, that a Lper (as a Lper) resembled counterfeit Coyne, and in his other vices is like to light Coyne.

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A Pick thanke

A Pick-thanke told Don Lopez de Haro, that such a one had greatly misused him in tearmes behinde his backe, aduising him to reuenge the intury highly: Whereunto Don Lopez answered: Now I giue God thanks, that though he be able to speake ill of me, yet hath he not the power to hurt me.

The Earle of Vrenia meeting an Arch-Bishop in the streete, saluted him with all due reuerence: And the Bishop but slightly resaluted him, touching onely his hat by him: Which the Earle noting, stepped to one of his Gentlemen and tolde him: It seems your Lord is either balde, mangie, or carelesse, that he dares not venture of his hatte, for feare belike to haue it seene.

The Earle of Vrenia being to send a letter to a faire Lady, was desirous to make proue of the bearcers sufficiency, as concerning the due performance of the ceremony thereunto belonging: And he call'd vnto him a new Page of his and said: Sirrah I am to send you forth with with a letter to a very faire Lady, let me see how well you can doo your message: Imagine that I am she, and here, holde the Letter, and get you gone out at yonder doore, and then come in againe, and let me heare what you will say: The Page tooke the letter, went forth, and came in againe, and being come somewhat nere the Earle, he doft his Hatte, and bow'd his knee, and kiss the Letter, and gaue it him, saying: Madam, my Lord of Vrenia greets your Ladyship, and hath sent you this Letter: The Earle at this instant had his hand in his Codpiece, and stood stooping, and thus he answered: Welcome my Ladde, how fareth my Lady the Countesse: The Page answered: Well and like your Honour: And the Earle how fareth his Lordship: what is he now adoeing: He answered: My Lord is likewise well (Madam) his hand is in his Codpiece, all to bescratching somewhat.

A Poor Gentleman seldome dined from the Earle of Vrenia his boord, It chanced in a forenoone that a tumult arose in the Earles Pallace, the Gentleman not being yet come: but anon after he came (for it was dinner time) Whom the Earle seeing, said vnto him: Sir, you are welcome, though resembling the Smithes dog, euermoze awake at meale, and asleepe at the Anuill.

The Earle of Vrenia asked one that came from the Court, what was reported of him there: Who answered: Neither good nor bad (my Lord) that I could heare. With that the Earle commanded him to be thoroughly bloweballed and beaten: and then afterward gaue him fifty Duckets, saying: Now maist thou report of Vrenia both good and bad.

Ancient Captaine, whose beard was hoare-white with age, brought word to the Earle of Vrenia how the enemy had surpris'd his Fort: Trust me (Captaine) good newes, (answered the Earle,) Thou hast lost the Fort, and preseru'd the Barbacane, Barbacane, signifying in Spanishe, a white beard, and also a Blockhouse.

Francisco Symenes Arch-bishop of Tolledo, being deputed high Gouvernour ouer Spaine, during the Emperours absence in the lowe Countreies; vpon occasion of some seruice, sent for the Earle of Vrenia to come to him to Madryll, The Earle arriued as farre as Guadalaiara (which was a two dayes iourney off the Court) and walking there in the Goldsmiths street, chanced to cast his eye vpon a curious peece of Plate in one of the shoppes and with that he stept to it, and biewing it, and liking it well, he willed the Goldsmith to bring it to his lodging. The Goldsmith knew him not, and therefore craued his name: When the Earle remembryng his olde grudge towards the Archbishop, and taking it in foule scozne to be at his call, answered: Nay, nay (my friend) it skille not who I am, seeing I am come thus farre.

A Gentleman, neere neighbour to the Duke of Vrenia, in a great deare yeare of Cozne, earnestly desired the Earle to supply his present necessitie: The Earle was well pleased to doe him that kindenesse, and commaunded his Secretarie (sozth-wyth) to draue a warrand to his Steward, to measure him out twenty quarters of Wheate: In the meane while the Earle stood talking with the Gentleman at a windolwe. At the last, the Secretarie hauing drauone the warrand, brought it to the Earle to be Signed: Which he perusing, and finding the wordes to goe thus, I will you to deliuer twentie quarters of Wheat, to *Don Pedro de Gusman*, wherewith I am willing to pleasure him at at this time: wherupon, he straight toze the warrand, and all to beknau'd the Secretarie, and said: Write that he deliuer vnto him (presently) twenty quarters of Wheat, soz that it pleaseth *Don Pedro de Gusman*, to doe me the honour to accept it.

C Aduidus King of Sychia, seeing a painter forsake his trade, and become a Physician, he said vnto him: Sirra the faultes you made befoze in your workes might easily be scene, but those you commit now, are hidden vnder the earth, soz dead mens diseases are euer buried with them.

The same King being returned from Greece and intending to plante ciuill lawes in his Countnie, was traytroullie slaine by his owne brother as he rode one hunting: but feeling his deathes wound, he said, I haue beene preferu'd amongst straungers, by wisdom and learning, but am murdered amongst my kindred by enuie.

Charles the French King, being very famous soz his wisdom, the Prince of Nauar asked his Paiesie, whether a wise man might marrie: he answered what is thine opinion of me: he reply'd, that you are the onlie famous King of the world soz wisdom: well (quoth he) then know I haue married a wife.

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The same King being reproued by one of his Lords, for some fearefulness he had shewd in his countenance, he said, you are a foole, he that is without feare, is without vertue, and sinnes from presumption.

A Blackamoze King, coueting a French woman, she told him his complexion was so ugly she could not loue him: thou art deceiud said he, it is the basenes of thy minde which is so filthy a glasse that my beauty cannot be scene in thee.

Isabell Ducene of Spaine willed Don Alonzo de Aguilar to entitle himselfe Marques of Pligeo, (which was the name of his Manour house:) He answered, That were all one, as if your Maiestie would aduise me to marrie my maide.

The Marques of Cenere was woont to say, that to bee rich, was not to increafe treasure, but to diminish appetites.

Gonzalo Fernandes, a braue Spanish Generall, walking in a Church, heard a Priest loudly praying: To whome he sayd: Father, what prayer is that you say? Hee answered, the Prime: Straine it not then so high (replyd the Generall) least you breake it: For Prime in Spanish signifieth also a treble Lute-string.

Gonzalo Fernandes vsed to passe much by a poore mans doze, who had two very fayre daughters: which the poore man perceiuing, and conceiuing withall that Gonzalos abusive loue of his daughters might greatly rebound to his reliefe: He came to him, and besought him to helpe him to some doings in the Countrey, thinking by such his absence the better to leaue his daughters to Gonzalos lust, and without that the world might iustly suspect any his priuity thereunto. Gonzalo perceiuing such the poore mans dist and desperation, tooke compassion of his case, and drawing

drawing him into an inner roome, gaue him two hundred Crownes in two severall bags, saying : I marie will I (my friend) doe for thee : Holde heere these two bags and be gone ; see thou bestow thy daughters presently therewith, and as for thy selfe, I will provide for thee besides.

Gonzalo Fernandes still vs'd to say, that he remained debto; to none so much as to them, to whome he gaue most : So much he esteemed the honour of his bounty.

The Earle of Cifuentes wanted to say, that Noblemen in times past vs'd to cast accompt with their Launces, and now a daies with Counters.

Don Diego de Mendoza Earle of Melito, was wont to say, that in the house where is a fountaine, there needeth no Cesterne, and the Lord that hath see enough, neede hood by no treasure.

The Earle of Cenete being a very young Gentleman at the siege of Perpenian, ventured close vnder the wall, and darted a Launce into the Castle, and came safe away : Anon after a couple of horse-men salied forth of the plate, and he seeing them would haue ventured to encounter one of them: But his Tutor would not suffer him, but said : Soft Sir, first I will goe before and kill one of them, and then come you after and cut off his head : Nay (reply'd the Earle) rather let me goe before and kill one of them, and then come you after and kisse his taile.

The Earle of Lenios awarded Justice to a Blackail of his : wherewith the party found himselfe agreiued, and highly exclaim'd of the Earles iniustice therein, and belike the Earle indeed mistooke the matter : Whereupon he sent for the party the next day, and said vnto him : My friend, thy speeches deserue laughter, and my errour reformation.

A Duke of Feria was so honourable in his bounties, that he neuer bid his Treasurer any set value to disburse, but thus: Giue such a one fourty or fifty Crownes, 100. or 150. pounds: So as the Treasurer rested euer more perplexed how to performe the Dukes pleasure. Wherefore being on a time commanded to giue a certaine Gentleman 200. or 250. Crownes, he came to the Duke, to demand his exact pleasure therein: Why peasant (answered the Duke) seek'st thou to alter my manner of phrase: I tell thee now for good and all, vnderstand alwaies the most of my pleasure, and there an end.

One asking Philip de Mourney who was most happy: he answered, he that had the health of body, the wealth of Fortune, and the knowledge of Saints.

THales the noblest of the Sages, being much importun'd by his mother to take a wife, he answered, that during his youth he was too young, & when that was spent it was too late, so that no time agreed with that action.

A Nobleman and his whole Family being banish'd out of Græce, and all his lands and goods confiscate, was receiued by the King of Cyprus, (who knew the excellency of his wisdom) and all the honours, wealth, & pleasures which he formerly had, were thræ times redoubled, inso much that sitting one day amongst his people, he said: O my children, how had we bene vndone if we had not bene vndone?

DON Bernardin de Velasco delighted so exceedingly in Crossbowes, that he deputed an especiall roome in his house for their safe custody. It chanced on a time, that being to purchase a goodly Manour, and much ground about it in Andaluzia, he had storied by treasure, to the value of 60000. pounds, which his Treasurer for more safety had coffered by, and disposed in the said Crossbow-rame, as being the strongest place in all the house. Don Bernardin
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one day comming thether, to see the Crof-bowes, and seeing those coffers there, asked what trumpery it was: The Treasurer answered treasure: Treasure (said Valasco) tis trash, away with it, what makes it here to indanger my Crof-bowes?

A Officer comming to arrest a Shoemaker within his house; the Shoemakers wife so well bestirred her, that she brauely belamb'd the Officer, whiles in the meane time her husband got away: The Officer then came vnto the Duke of Infantalco and complained vnto him of the battery, and of the Shoemakers wiues misusage: alledging that if so scandalous a fact were not very seuerely (and that est-somes) corrected, it would greatly redound to his L. disgrace: whereunto the Duke answered: Seeing as thou saist the disgrace will be mine, I forgive the Shoemakers wife.

D On Bernardin de Bobadilia entring into the Carle of Beniuenta his priuy Chamber, the Carle did not arise to salute him: Whereupon all in a chafe he flung out, and said, your L. is good for a vassall.

A Worshipfull Gentleman saying in complement to the Carle of Vrenia: (Irest your Honors poore friend) and with that sneaking, and adioyning after ward (and your humble seruiture) The Carle answered: I had taken you at your first word: viz. for a friend, had you not after ward adioyned Seruiture.

A King of Spaine commanded a gallery to be built vpon Arches all along a street from his pallace to Don Inigo Lopez his pallace, and vnderstanding that it was all finished, he sent a Gentleman of his priuy chamber to goe view the worke: and bring him true report thereof, and withall to salute in his name Don Inigo Lopez. The Gentleman being arriued there, view'd the worke, & did the Kings salute vnto the Nobleman: who answered: Post humble thanks vnto the Kings salute, and I pray tell his Highnesse I am well, and doe rest ready at all his Maiesties imploiance;
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onely I meruell why it hath pleased his Highnes to ioyne so vnnecessarie a pprop to my strong house.

AT the funerrall of the King of Hungary, the Emperour Charles passed along in a mourning Robe, & the Carle of Nassau boze vp his traine. An officious Gentleman, retainer to the said Carle, supposing it no lesse curteisie to doe the like to his Lord, toke vp his traine, and boze it vp after him a good way: At last the Carle looking backe, spy'd him, and said: Let downe thy scoule and be gone in a hauius name.

ADutchesse was iealous of a faire Gentlewoman, conceipting that she bled some vnlawful meanes to win her Duke to her amitie, & in this minde sent for her to murder her. The innocent Gentlewoman suspecting no such danger, came: And being in the place of death, the Dutchesse regarding her exceeding rare beautie, dismiit her againe, saying: It is thy beautie hath slaine me, and saued thee.

Certaine Ladies romming to visit an honorable person, who was become a Fryer, and had left the world, they said: What they greatly meruelled that so high a state as he would leaue the world, who had alwayes liued most honorably therein, and at his hearts ease: He answered: Euen as you say (Ladies): I haue alwayes hether to bestowed my fine floure on the world, and now therefore is it waste, that at leastwise I giue my bran vnto my God, if so it please him to accept of it.

A Turkish Gentlewoman in a dearth of corne, came to the Carle of Venice, and besought him of his chaity to releue her: With that the Carle called his Secretary vnto him and had him draw a warrant to his Bailiffe, to deliuer her so much. The Secretary, whether he misooke his pleasure, or whether he was willing to vse his owne discretion therein, set downe lesse then the Carles mind, namely but xx. bushels: & so brought it to the Carle to signe: Who seeing so smal a quantity, as but twenty bushels, was highly displeased

displeased, and blotted it out, and wrote over it another.
Whereat his Secretarie smiling greatly to muse, the
Carle said: Thus hath thy folly made me a more foole: but
goe to, so it shall passe for this once. And he passed it so.

The Carle of Cadra, being a very balliant Gentleman,
arming himselfe on a time to goe skirmish the enemies,
his Gentlemen greatly inuencelled to see him so tremble and
quiner all the time he was arming, which the Carle per-
ceiving, said: Better (scere) how basely my selfe quakes to
thinke in what a pecke of troubles my aduenturous heart
will put it in anon.

A Nobleman had his young sonne dy to the Court, who
being a delicate youth, the Ladies eyes were neuer off
him, neglecting all other gallants, he being in place. Which
the Nobleman perceiving, said vnto them, Are you so over-
top'd with the sight of greene bacley, that you forget your
prouender afoze you?

Don Bernardino Piemencelli had his house plentifully
furnished with all manner rich and necessarie thinges:
In so much it pleased the King his Alege to grace it in his
progress time with his turny: Who when he had view'd
it all from one office to another, in the end he greatly com-
mended him saying: That he was a good coninion wealthe
man. Whereupon a Nobleman, this Piemencells ill-willer,
then by, said vnto the King: And it like your Highnesse, there
is not the least City or towne in all your land, but is bet-
ter furnished. Where answered Piemencelli, and yet I assure
you (my liege) not any whit of all this provision came from
your towne of Burgos.

A Duarda in Spanish signifies a Halberd, and Aluarda
a pack-saddle. A Nobleman willed his Secretarie to
write a Letter to a Gentleman a friend of his in Toledo,
for a dozen of Aluardas, viz. Halberds. Now the Secretarie
through negligence wrote Aluardas, viz. Pack-saddles:
Which the Nobleman let his hand to without ere reading
it,

it, and so sent it away. The Gentleman meaning simply, bought a dozen of Back-saddles, and sent them to the Nobleman, according to the contents of his letter: Which being presented to his view, and withall perceiving by the Gentlemans letter, such was the contents of his owne, he straight found out the Secretaries error, whome he presently called vnto him, and gaue him in regard of such his grosse oversight one halfe of the Back-saddles, and th'other five he reserued to himselfe, as in respect he was so carelesse as to set his hand to a letter befoze ere he read it.

The Marques of Santiliana custumed to say, that ceremonies are ynough for strangers, but deeds best friends.

The Marques of Santiliana was a great student, & being on a time merily reprehended therfore by his illiterate friends, he said: I conuerse better with my booke then with you.

The Marques of Comares talking with the President of Cordua, said vnto him, that the Romaines maintained a rich Common-wealth, & but meane houses, and the Spaniards rich houses, and but a hungry common-wealth.

A Commendador-Major of Spaine, whose steward was all to miserly for his thrift, said vnto him: I pray thee N. lesse profit and more honour.

A Nobleman hauing many Guestes vpon a time at dinner with him, & his board not very well furnisht, call'd his steward vnto him, and said: why N. this dinner is like a leaden blade, the point & the pummell some bent together.

The Earle of Cisuenes being Ambassador for the Spanish King at the Court of Rome, and being present at a Councell holden in the Popes Consistory, at which were present Ambassadors from most Christian nations, and many Cardinalls, and the Pope himselfe: and seeing there the French King his chaire placed about his Lieges, he

might it be done with great impatience. A Bishop that sate by, rebuked him therefore, and affirming that that was no meete time nor place to commit scandalis. Tut (reuerend Father he answered) say you as becomes a diuine, and doe I as sitteth a Gentleman.

A Duke of Florence inuited to his Pallace at Rome the Earle of Tendilia (Spaines Ambassadour) to supper, & the Duke would haue placed him at the vpper end of the boord vnder his cloath of estate, but the Earle greatly gainesaid it, and refused it. Then the Duke waxing hereat ciuilly angry, commaunded one of his Gentlemen to bring him forth with the keyes of his Pallace, to the end to yeld them vp to the Earle.

Francis King of France in a letter that he wrote to the Emperours Ambassadour, ends it thus: To th' Ambassadour of Kings, and King of Ambassadours. &c.

Cardinall Saluates the Popes Legate in Spaine, at the Emperour Charles his espousall, being in merry conuersation, said: That France tasted of pride, Spaine of malice, Italy of wisdom, England of vanity, Portugal of soles.



OF GENTLEMEN.

A Gent. asking a Dyer, whether he could dye his like stockings of the colour of womens honesty: He said a gentlewoman that stood by, what a question is that? Say you he (repli'd the Gent) beleeue me I had not thought a womans honesty had bene of the colour of (He.)

A Sodomiticall Gentleman walking in a Church-yard with another poore Gent. whome he greatly disdained, asking him where he would be buried when he was dead: The other answered: With you in Sodome.

Isabel Dyene of Spaine, saying to a young Gentleman, whose Father had befoze time sustained some iust disgrace at her highnesse hands: I trowe N. you will triumph

trimly raise by your house againe, and make vs good amends for your Fathers fault. He (being a silly sot) answered: Yea, and like your Maiesty, one end of my barne indeed is soze decayed with the last windes, by reason that it stands somewhat high, but my mother hath promised me to be at the charge of that reparation.

A Gentleman sitting at a play, a Merchant by chance late asoze him, whose hat was so high and broad, that it hindzed his view of the play: whereupon he said vnto him: My good friend, I beseech you doe off your hat a while, so; I assure you it will greatly benefite my eye sight.

A Spanish Gentleman had a many Poyes to his slaves, and in the winter time he kept them colde and bare: A Church-man rebuking such his vncharity and hard heart, and saying that it was a shame vnto him, he answered: Wasse they ouer the colde, and I'll passe over the shame well enough.

A Gentleman in regard of a Gentlewomans rude behaviour towards him, stranged himselfe for a season from conuersing with her. Whereupon a friend of hers asking him on a time, why he became so great a stranger to that house, he answered: Because better is ciuill strangenes, than rude familiarity.

A Gentleman riding along where late a many Gentlewomen at the street doze, an vgly Mastiffe curre slewe at him: Whereupon the Gentleman desirous to viewe the Gentlewomen, toke this as an occasion to turne backe, and said vnto them: Gentlewomen, this Curre is Hell, and all you are Heauen.

A Gentleman bespake a paire of shoes of a shoemaker, who at the monthes end brought them him: Whereat the Gentleman somewhat angry with his so long delay, said vnto him: Euen as you came (my friend) so be gone; for I

weare not my shoes by your foot, but by mine stone.

On S. Steuens day it is the custome, all Horses to be let blood & drench'd. A Gentleman being (that morning) demanded whether it pleas'd him to haue his horse let blood and drencht according to the fashion: he answered: No sirra, my Horse is not diseas'd of the fashions.

A Young Gentleman said vnto an olde Gent. (who was but his equall both in linage and lining, and all other respects onely age excepted.) Sir I beseech you let me kisse your reuerend hand: Th'other was content, and offered it him to kisse: But the young Gentleman seeing such his vanity, only shooke him by the hand, and said: God saith Sir, you and I against any other two.

A Poore Gentleman that for wealths sake had married a rich pelants daughter, compared such his marriage to a pudding, whereinto he had put the blond, and his father in law the Chibbols.

A Gent. hauing a rundlet of excellent Sacke in his house, a friend of his comming to visit him, he invited him downe into his cellar to taste his Sacke, where (said he for want of another cuppe I haue an excellent Caine to drinke out of: No I thanke you sir (said the other) for I know then I shall not be Abell to come by againe.

A Gentleman hauing a house of much worth & commodi- ty burned downe to the ground, & being much grieved at his losse, his friends came to visit him and to put away his melancholy: but finding him very much distempred, one of his friends asked him, I pray you sir what might your house be worth: he answered, iust a pecke of albes.

Two or thre Gentlemen (one of whose names was Sampson) talking of the comming of the Spanissh fleet, sayes one of them, what neede we puzell our selues thus to raise

raile by an army, when Sampson here is able to Conquer them all; True (said Sampson) if I had one of thy Iawes bones, I should doe miracles.

A Gentleman came hungry home, and called for dinner, and his man answered: That it was but newe broken tennie. But (said the Gentleman) tellest thou me of ten by the clocke, being twelue by my stomacke.

A Poore Gentleman dying, had three faire Hawkes, which he thus disposed of: viz. Th'one to be sold for the benefit of his soule: th'other for the discharge of certaine dribbling debts: And the third to remaine to his sonne, whom he made his Crecutor. This good Crecutor, within a while after missing one of the halwkes, said: So, well fare thy heart (halwke) be thou gone for my fathers soule.

A Gentleman being releast out of prison, the Porter at parting demaunded his fee, and the Gentleman gaue him but a common prisoners fee, viz. thre pence: Whereunto the Porter excepting, and challenging five pence. The Gentleman hearing belike to haue bene prisoner for so foule a matter; answered, I am content thou take me for a peasant for this once.

A Very ciuill Gentleman walking in conuersation with other his companions, staid talking by the way with a plaine Country-man, who met him, and deliuered him a letter: And because his parly was some what long, th'others were discontented, and walked on afoze, leaving him behind, who at last overtaking them, said: Gentlemen, it is no lesse honourable to answere an inferiour, then to comply with an equall.

A Young Gentleman that had followed the warres, complained when he came home, of the Sciatica: And being asked how he came by that ache: he answered: By lying in francke tennements, viz. Upon the bare earth.

One asking a Gentleman his acquaintances, what good Horses he had : he answered : As stately a one as ever you saw. Th' other then desirous to see it, to the stable they went : where when they came, a piteous poore Jade it was (God wot) of pure skin and bone. But looking still about for the foresaid stately Horse, and not seeing any such there, he marvelled, and often asked where he was become : Then th' other answered : Why loe here where he stands (pointing to the poore Jade) I warrant y^e (quoth he) that he goes not above halfe a mile an houre to dye for it, & can you have a statelier Horse then so :

A Gentleman seeing his man gallop a Horse ill favourably saide unto him : I assure thee (S.) thou dost not a whit discredit thy mother : The serving man asking him how so : Mary (quoth hee) because when one doth a thing passing well, and with a good grace (as now thou dost,) I haue heard it often said : The whoreson hath done it passing well.

A Nobleman came to the Court, with a gallant traine of Gold chaines after him : And one of his Gentlemen being asked how it chanced that he had ne're a chaine as well as the rest : he answered : A do not gnawe.

A Vertuous Gentleman seeing a malicious person looke downe on the ground, and continuus gazing thereon a good space, said : Questionlesse either some mischiefe is befallen ponder man, or some good to some other body.

A Gentleman that had ben to see the Peake, travelling the same day homeward againe, alighted that night in an Inne : Where, when he was to goe to bed, a bonny Lasse stepp'd into his chamber and offered him her seruice all night. He seeing her impudence, answered : I list not (wench) to enter into the Peake twise in twelue houres : and so dismissed her.

A Gentleman

A Gentleman put out his Mule to a Horse-courser to breake, and bid him make it a widow-Mule: The Horse-courser meruailing at such a tearme, demaunded his meaning therein: Mary (said the Gentleman) a widow hath these three good properties: she is fat, she feeds well, and she goes well, such a one would I haue you make my Mule.

A Braue gallant knight of this kingdome being of goodly and tall stature, walking into Westminster Hall, met a very lowe, little, lame Gent. with a meruailous long and broad sword vnder his arme, whereat the knight wondering, took the little Gentleman by the shoulder, & said: My little pretty fellow why dost thou carry that weapon: The other sodainly answered: Thou great long Dake, to cut downe thy water-boughes.

A Captaine comming to visit a very merry mad knight his countryman, the knight instantly before many other Gentlemen began to enter into the commendations of the Captaine, telling what rare and wonderfull exploits he had done at the Siege of Saint Quintins: Truly (said the Captaine) it was not strange, for as I remember the armour I wore that day, was as thicke as betweene White hall and Saint Quintins: why were you not there: (said the knight) no truely (said the Captaine) why it is no matter (said the knight) for I know if you had bene there you would haue done as much as I haue reported.

Mistress William Goring of Suffex had left him by Sir Henry his father a chest of treasure, so close py'd vp together, that hard it was to finger out any one peece, much lesse to gripe out any. This Gentleman hauing lost the key of that chest, offered a lock-smith in bargain for a new, either to take his full gripe of money out of it at the opening thereof, or else to stand to the bare price of his key. The Smith chose rather th'aduenture of his gripe: Which when it came to passe, and that with all the iniury he did vnto
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his fingers, he could neither gripe nor picke out any one pece: At last he was faine to stand to the Gentlemans curtesie, who like a Gentleman requited his avarice with far more bounty then the key was worth.

A Officer whose daughter was defecet of dishonesty, & generally so reported, vybraided a Gentleman that his brother was a Papist, and therefore he himselfe happily not much better. The Gentleman herunto answered: As well may an honest man haue a knaue to his brother, as an errant whoze to his daughter.

A Gentleman accompaniing on the way a great Commendado; of Spaine, who wore a huge chaine about his necke, with a great Saint Iames hanging downe his breast befoze; at parting, this Gentlemans horse was so unruly, that he could not easily rule him, but still he frisked and carauetted, and crost the Commendado; on the way: Whereupon the Commendado; asking him what his horse ayled, he answered: And like your Honour, he is like a Hackney Jade, which whersoener it sees a signe hang out, thinkes straight it is an Inne, & will not passe it to die. So is it with my horse, and your Honours habite about your necke.

Two Gentlemen were at factions one with another, & the one of them sent his trusty seruant to an olde Gent. his neighbour, to sollicite his partiality on his behalfe: Whereunto the olde Gentleman made this answer, that he so; his part was rather so; so; their mutuall enmitics (being both his very good neighbours) then that he would any waies be a party therein, other then in way to atone them to his power, and make them good friends againe. The Seruingman deliuering this answer to his maister: The Gentleman all in a snuffe said: What an olde sole is he, that will be angry with nobody?

A Gentleman conuersing merrily among a many Gentlewomen, they said vnto him : Ware, you speake no more such follies, for feare we binde you : he answered, Binding your selues all loose will you binde me ?

A Spanish Gentleman was buying of Pork, and another that was not a Gentleman, but so seemed, came and cheapened it of the Butcher, as though he meant to buy it out of the others hand : Whereat the Gentleman halfe angry, said vnto him : Well, seeing you come to cheape my Pork, Ile (sure) one of these daies come cheape your peace.

A Proud Gentleman and a riche Tormudgeon being at chollericke tearmes with one another, the Churlesware that he was as good a Gentleman as he. When so (resp'd the Gentleman) then I assure thee, I am the veriest peasant in the world.

A Pick thanke was telling a vertuous Gentleman, how such a one spake ill of him behinde his backe in the presence of a great many : Of a great many (answered the Gentleman ?) Beleeue me, so I had rather one should say ill of me before many, then many before one.

One tolde a Gentleman that his man tatted much disgrace of him behinde his backe. He answered : Let them tattle what they list, and doe I what I list.

A Gentleman hearing Thieves in the night-time scaling his neighbours house, said : Waker how your poultry mount vp to their pearches.

A Gentleman of Tolleddo hauing a peece of rich Taffata brought him from a friend of his out of India, sent for a Merchant to buy it of him : Who sauing it, and liking it well, tolde the Gentleman, that if it pleased him to take it from in exchange for it, he would gladly rid him of it : Where-

unto the Gentleman answered; Gramercy (my good friend) But know you not that my Lord Cardinalls grace is at this day Inquisito; generall ouer all Spine? See but to him, and obtaine of his grace, that whereas Saffron is now most vnde in fry'd meates, he to enioyne all men to vse it hereafter in boild meates; and this being once granted and proclaimed, then come to me againe, and I will shew you more of my minde.

A Peate, spruce courtier (whose wealth was only in his cloathes) comming to visit a merrie pleasant Gentleman his friend, after he had beene entertained & brought into his chamber, where he put off his bootes, and other riding necessities, the Courtier put on a very faire gowne, of blacke Veluet, and so came downe into the Parlor where the goodman of the house was, who walking a while vp and downe, and noting the riches of the Courtiers gowne, the merrie Gentleman said, me thinkes Sir you and I now walke in the midst of our riches: as how Sir (said the Courtier) why Sir (said the Gentleman,) you in your Veluet gowne and I in my manner of Haddon.

One saying to a Gentleman: Sir me thinkes you haue built your house well for Summer, but not for Winter: He answered, Welike you thinke I haue lesse witte then wilde Geese, that cannot chuse my abode with euery season.

There was a certaine poore Gentleman, who, in regard of his pouerty, euery one shoued, and not any vouchsafed him the Title of Mastership: Whereupon one that noted it said: This argueth that neither God nor the King euer created Mastership.

One asking a Gentleman what he thought, of one that was newly taken in adulterie: He answered; Taken tardie.



OF GALLANTS AND VPSTARTS.

A Presumptuous gallant besought the King of Spaine in a merriment to make him his Secretarie : The King answered, that he was already provided of a sufficient one. Yea, well I wote (reply'd the gallant) your Maiestie hath a Secretarie indeede, but he can speake no Latine, which is a foule default. The Secretary standing by, then answered : But it is a greater shame not to speake good Spanish.

E Manuell King of Portugall being to ride a hunting, wil- led his Steward to provide him dinner in a banquetting house, which he had in the Forrest, and that it should consist onely of such meates as had no blood in them, viz. Sallices and fruites altogether. A Gallant over hearing such the Kinges encharge, stepped straight to a Gentleman his companion by, and drawing forth his sword, presented it to the King, and said : It may then please your Maiestie to taste hereof : For by Iesus it neuer yet drew blood of any, and in it selfe the deuill a whit it hath.

A Merry Gentleman seeing a Gallant that was bounde for the Indies walke the streetes, his hat all a flaunt, and befeathered with all kinde of colloured plumes, said : When a Gods name will this Woodcocke die? for well I see he hath all his feathers about him.

One that had laine first with the mother, and then afterward with the daughter, asked a Russian mate, what that fact might resemble? who answered : All one, as if you should eat the hen first, and the chicken after.

A Spanish Hidalgo used to say, that in a case of vabble betwene King Phillip and him, he might with more

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right giue the King the lie, then the King giue it him, because he himselfe is a pure Spaniard, and the King but an Ostrich.

A Gallant bled to say : Trauelling on the way, let me allwaies lie in a house where I may call my Host knaue, and my Hostesse whoze viz. in an Inne.

A Gallant was brought before a merry Recorder of London for getting a maide with childe, and the Recorder said : It is a meruell (maister L.) that you being a Gentleman of good quality, would venture to get a maide with childe : The Gentleman answered, Nay rather were it a meruell, if a maide had gotten me with childe.

A Ancient Knight (of a noble family) meeting with other Iustices vpon a commission, one of the Iustices who was an upstart, and but the sonne of a Grasser, espy'd the Knights fatten doublet out at the elbowes, and said : He Sir what doe you meane to weare this tozme garment : goe to Errah (said the Knight) you came so late out of Backcloth you know not what Satten meanes.

Three Farmers comes who through their purses were made Knights, comming to visite a Gentleman who was an exceeding great house-keeper, and finding there diuers Gentlemen : The Knightes after dinner asked what sport they should goe to : why said the godman of the house, to the Wotoles if you please : And we thre Gentlemen and no knights will play against you thre Knights and no Gentlemen.

A Gallant comming to a Banquet amongst a world of Noble Personages, by much carelesnes lost his Cloak, and greewing for the losse more then beleeued a man : A Ladie came to him and said : He sir do not afflict your selfe thus for the losse of a single garment : No more I doe Adam (said he) for I do not greine so much for the losse, as because
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it was not mine owne, and so I feare I shall make a double satisfaction.

A Gallant standing in a great study, a Gentlewoman asked him what he thought of: he answered of nothing: what doe you think of (said she) when you think of nothing: truly Madam (reply'd he) of womens constancy.

A fellow being left by his friends, most exceeding rich in goods, though but poore in capacity, writ euery where this poesie: *Inopem me copia fecit*: Which a witty Gallant seeing, writ vnderneath *copia carnis, inopem mentis*.

The Clarke of a parish Church hauing brought vp his sonne at the Vniuersity, to the intent to make him a Gentleman, knowinge for him home, demanded what he had learned: The Sonne answered *Secreta mea mihi*. So said the father, *Stulticia tua tibi*: Not so repli'd the Son, for it is *neq; mihi, neq; tibi, sed diuidatur*.

A Gallant boasted himselfe of much worship and Gentry in a place where he was not known: and it chanc'd that he and his Taploz squared about a bill of accompt, and he highly vaunting his worship to the Taploz said: Why peasant it seemes thou knowest not what Gentry meanes: Tell me, what is it: The Taploz answered Yes, to be bozne a hundred miles hence.

A poore creature beg'd almes of a Gallant, who gave him a Teller. With that the begger said, that he would pray to God most truely for him. So (answered the Gallant) I pray thee pray for thy selfe, for I take no Almes vsurie.

A Young Master that had wasted a godly inheritance in a very short space-one said in mockage of him: Where as earth vseth to consume all other men, this Gallant hath consumed earth.

A Portugal & a Spaniard fought, & by meanes of friends they were parted, and almost made friends. Then the Portugal said: I am content (sirs) at your earnest intreaties to let the villaine liue, but (as I am a Gent.) I haue one linne oꝝ other of him, as a badge of my victoꝝy.

A Maine Gallant ranne his head by chance against anothers belly, and the company asking this other how he felt his belly, he answered: Well, foꝝ a winde-blader neuer gines great blowe.

A vnthrift yꝝ youth being brought to the last call, challenged in th' Arches a certaine rich Citizens daughter to wife: affirming, that they were at such a time, and in such a place contracted together. Then the Judge asked him, whether the mariage were euer since consumated yea oꝝ no: With that steps he foꝝth the Maides Docter, & said: Yes (sir) his liuing is long agoe.

Two companions went to a wenching-house, and the Lasse was not yet come according to appoyntment: whercupon one of them began in the meane time to conceit the olde Maccarelle of that hell, there present. Which the othꝝr seeing, said vnto him: Are you so hungry that you will eat by the halter befoꝝe the hay come;

A Gallant seeing himselfe woꝝhiped at euery woꝝd in all places where he came, said vnto his hostesse that so be woꝝhip'd him: I pray thee hostesse woꝝhip me no woꝝt ips, would my woꝝship were hang'd.

One asking a Gallant where he lay a nights, he answered: By lodging is like the poynt of a Sagbot, that still goes with the eye.

A Young Maister was new come to his liuing, & his mother blaming his vnthriftines, all in a peltung chafe he said vnto her: Faith (mother) taunt me so but once moꝝe,
and

and so; spight I'll sell ye all the land and living I haue. So may you doe well Somme (answered his mother,) yea and if you should sell it all but for five pence, yet should you be no losse thereby, for it neuer cost you groat.

A Presumptuous Gallant picht by vpon the Spanish Court gate, a Tilt-challenge against all comers: A Lady asking her Paramour whether he would subscribe thereunto: He answered: No (Adam) no firme of mine, for so fantastick a body admits no impression, viz. Encounter.

A Supercilious Gallant being determined to sceme the Gentleman, bought him halfe a dozen suites of apparell, and putting on the first day of his brauery a faire large veluet cloake, he looked about him, and said: He thinks this cloake stands nothing handsome vpon me: True (said a Gentleman that stood by) you may therefore doe well to beginne with Tassata first, and then fall to your veluet afterward.

A Gallant was a boasting that he neither feared pore nor plague: and another aduise'd, Nor God.

One commending an others huge strength, said: That if the world had an yron ring at it, he would list it by all.

A Gallant threatned one, saying: If thou offend me, Ile throw thee so high into the Element, that rather mayst thou feare swimming, then falling.

A Parish in the West Country called Lent was by fortune set on fire: and by chance a good fellow passing by at the same time, and seeing it, asked the Parishes name: They answered Lent: Lent (quoth he) I pray ye then in with Fridayes & Saturdayes to, that the fire may consume them altogether.

GORONELS AND CAPTAINES.

Monsieur de Aubenic last Generall of the French forces in the Kingdome of Naples, bring, what by conquest, and what by composition, to yeelde up to Spaine, the last towne and holdes that he there held for his Liedge. It pleased Gonzalo Fernandes the Spanish Generall to be so honozable, as after much festivity extended vnto him at his surrender, to furnish his decay'd armie with principall good hozes to packe away. But Monsieur d'Aubenic rather regarding the pride of his minde, then the curtesie of the Spanish Generall, tolde him at parting, that he had done very vnadvisedly, to mount his men so huanely away, in as much as vpon the same hozes he might chance to see him & them shortly againe in those partes, in as hostile manner as euer before. You shall be welcome (answered Gonzalo) whensoever you come, neither euer shall you finde Spaine lesse honourable then now.

Ope Pedrarias a Portugal in a battaile that he fought against Spaine, toke prisoners many Gentlemen and Artizans of Tolledo, and hauing occasion the morrow after to make a trench and a banke vnder ground, at a place called Pannionrosto, he asked them all severally whether they were Gentlemen or Artizans: and such as said they were Artizans, he imployed them in the worke, saying: Why would you leaue your trades: And the Gentlemen he dismiss, saying: You did but your duties to come to the warres.

Gonzalo Fernandes vsed to say: That Soulbioners in peace, are like chimneyes in Summer.

The said Generall wanted to say: If thy enemy speake, make him a golden bridge.

THe said Gonzalo Fernandes marching on a time to bid the French men battell, chanced to stumble and fall: whereat his Army seeming dismay'd: at rising vp, he said vnto them: Why (Sirs) this is no woorse then that the ground enbraceth mee for iay.

DIego Garcia Paredes saying to Gonzalo Fernandes: May it please your Honour to auoyde that dangerous place, seeing how soze the enemy plaies vpon it: He answered. Since God hath put no feare into my heart, put you none into me.

THe grand Mysse of France being asked his opinion what he thought of Soldiours: answered: That Soldiours, women and friends, were like Spaniells, good onely wheremen had occasion to vse them.

A Colward knotone, being made commander of diuers baliant Soldiours, they refus'd to follow him, at which the Generall being angry, demanded the reason of their contempt: And they answered that if it pleased him to make a Lyon their Captain, they as Harts would follow and serue him, but if he made a Hart their gouernoꝝ, they as Lyons must disdain him.

HAniball Gonsago being in the Low countries overthrowne from his horse by an English Capitaine, and commanded to yeld himselfe prisoner: Kist his sword and gaue it the English man saying: *Si Fortuna me tormenta, Il speranza me contenta.*

THe Count D'aerne being at the Kinges commandment, surpris'd by a troppe of Horse-men, the commander demanded of him to deliuer by his sword: and he answered, there it is. I haue bene a Capitaine a great while, yet the best man my sword hath slaine was but a wilde Boze.

DOn Pedro Gonzales seeing his Liege at the battell of Aliuberoto in danger to be slaine, alighted from off his horse, and mounted the King thereon, and so rety'd him safe away: Which after he had done, and placed him in assured safety, he would haue returned back againe to the battell, but the King would not suffer him. Pardon me my Liege then he said: I will goe, neuer shall the women of Guadalaiaara say, that I train'd by their sonnes and husbands to the warres, and haue left them dead in the field, and my selfe safe returned home.

A Spanish Captaine was sent to skirmish a multitude of enimies with a few men: And of those few he took but the one halfe, saying: Better yet a few die then all.

CHatillian, Lord Admirall of France having giuen the Guizians a great ouerthrowe in a balle: Was himselfe suddenly set upon by a troope of enimies from ahill: Yet notwithstanding retreating his scattered Armie to saletie with the losse onely of some few, hee said by the way: I thought your mountaine cloud would at last redolend to a house of raine.

The King of Spaine commaunded the brave Castle of Montilia for the Lordes treason to be raised to the ground: And it chanced, that as the ruine was a doing the unexpected fall of a turret. Few fifty persons. Gonzalo Fernandes hearing of it, said: Oh what a destruction (trowe ye) would Montilia haue made amongst her enimies, had it bene suffered to liue, that dying hath slaine so many of her foes.

Fernando Gonzalos seeing one of his souldiours a selling his horse, ask'd him why he sold him: The souldiour answered: Because (my Lord) his fashion is to giue backe at the sight of armour. A meruaile much (reply'd Gonzalos) that you will sell him for the same quality you bought him for.

Gonzalo Fernandes being to bid the enimie battell, it fortuned that certaine barrells of powder were set on fire, wherewith the Armie was superstitiously dismayd: which he perceiuing, said: (Sirres) this is the boncfire of our victoꝝy.

A Souldiour came and told his Captain, that he thought such a Foꝛtresse of the enimie might be wonne onely with the losse of some few men: Whereunto the Captaine answered: But will you be one of those few?

Charles Duke Byron seeing his father lose an aduantage of warre against the Duke of Parma, cryed out, O that I were the King, that I might now kill my Father.

A Christian Captain hauing betrayed the Citie of Rhods, into the Turkes handes, vpon condition to marrie the Turkes daughter, after the Citty was sackt: did demand his rewarde, and the Turke answered he should haue it, onely he had vowed that she should not be married to a baptized skinne, and therefore caused him to be slei'd, saying, if you can get a new skinne she is yours.

A Couetous Captaine, whose name was Leonard Robiny, his Souldiours in derision, called him Captaine Robpennie.

A Gallant Captaine leading his men forth to seruice, and seeing them halfe amaz'd at the ouer-multiples of th' enemy, said: Why, (Sirres) did heauen fall, we would (I trowe) support it with our manly Armes.

A Italian Captaine seeing fire giuen to a Cannon in th' enemies Foꝛt toward his quarter, he prostrated himselfe vpon the ground, and said: He that feares not th's, feares not God.

The Castle of Endouen in Brabant, being surpris'd by night, by the Dates Souldiours, the Captaine thereof being an Italian, was then a bed with his wench: To whom his Lieutenant came, and said: by and fight (Captaine) or saue your selfe, for th'enemie is within the walles: He answered: You and the rest fight there, for I haue as much as I can turne me to here: Anon after came one of his Sergeants, and said; Captaine, by and away, th'enemie presses: He answered, I, now I come, my Launce is in the rest: At last came rushing in his Ancient, and said: Captaine, your collours are lost, and the Castle tane: He answered: Yet haue I broken my Launce, what will you more; When last of all rush't in th'enemie into his Chamber, and would haue slaine him: With that he kiss his whoore, and said vnto them: Oh Sirs, *Bon guerre, bon guerre, sa hère Bon guerre.*

A Italian Captaine in the Low countries leading his men to skirmish th'enemie: Thus heathenly encouraged them saying: (Sirs) remembring the Anticke honour of our Romain nation, fight so: and as for your sinnes, if you dye, know yet there is no God. So said, he fought, and was the first man was slaine. God Reader, detest this and honour Gods iudgement therein.



OF SOVL DIOVRS.

A Captaine and a Souldiour fought a combate, and the Captaine hurt the Souldiour in the Arme. So as dolone fell his sword from out his hand, he resting at the Captaines metey. When the Captaine saying: Now yeeld (villaine) or dye. As it as I list (answered the Souldiour) know ye then, that though my Arme now failes me to fight, yet my courage serues me well to dye.

Amongst many Portugals that went to gine the moores a canuado by night, a Spaniard marched amongst them, & he speaking somewhat loud, contrary to their proclaimed silence, a Portugall hent him therfore, saying: By your Spanish speech the Moors will think we be all Spaniards, and then (before God) will they kill euery mothers child of vs.

A Portugal Souldiour marching in a troope of Spaniards against the Moors, vnarm'd and weaponlesse, one asked him why he was no better furnished: He answered: Mary because there are as valiant men at fote as at Armes.

A Spaniard at the entry of the breach of Mastricht (a Flanders towne) seeing at a corner house, as he ran along to the spoyle, an Image of the Virgin Marie broken and all defaced, bow'd downe his knee to the ground and bow'd that before he passed that stræte he would kill seauen Duchmen in despite of the seauen deadly sinnes, & an eight in reuenge of that sacrifice done to the said Image of our Lady: and he did so.

A Spanish Souldiours Patch in Flanders, not taking fire so presently as he would, said: Gods nouns, this Lutherane fire refuseth to light my Catholicke Patch, for feare (belike) least it should kill some thousand Duch Lutheranes.

A Crue of Souldiours beg'd of a Gentleman as he rode on the way, and he answered: Faith (Sir) I doe not vse to giue takers any thing. They neuerthelasse still importuning him, and one of them saying: Happily yone Worship hath sometimes bene a Marshall man your selfe, (for so you seeme,) and therefore we hope you will not be unkinde to poore Souldiours in distresse. Do trust me (answered the Gentleman) I neuer was Souldiour in all my life, and yet (I hope in God) I am an honest man neuer thelesse.

A Souldiour hauing bene at the siege of Tregosso, was sente there to runne away most shamefully, yet notwithstanding out of his proud minde he would write euery where

where for his poesse *Quid non?* what not? which a braue commander seeing, added to his *Quid non*, Tregosso.

A Cowardly Gallant went forth with his company to combate the Moyses, and the Moyses woune the field: Home then returned the run-away Inruinours, and brought their Generall word of all *Alamort*. Amongst whome this Gallant was missing, and not being heard of, was thought to haue bene slaine: Nay I warrant you (said an olde woman there present) he is liuing, for well I wot, Moyses eat no Hares flesh.

A Gallego of Spaine went to the warres, and was shot with an arrowe into the head: The Surgion searching the wound said, that he could not possibly live, for that the arrow had pierst his bzaine: The Gallego answered: That can not be, for I haue no bzaine at all, had I had braines, I trow I had neuer come to the warres.

A the sledge of Barcelona, a Portugal hofseman entred pelle melle in th'enemies throng into the towne gate, and wrote with a chalke within the gate: Hetherto aduentured Vasco Fernandes. The next day a Spaniard hearing him boast thereof, was no lesse aduenturous, and bzauely hazarded himselfe the next skirmish in at the same gate, and wrote with a cole beyond his: Hetherto Vasco Fernandes did not aduenture.

A Valiant Souldiour being demaunded how many men he durst encounter withall at once: he answered: If he be an honest man, one is ynow, if villaines, a whole street full.

A Ponce Souldiour putting on his first harnesse, trembled, and said: Now that I see my selfe in Armes, I am afraid of my selfe.

A Young Souldiour brought from the warres a great skarre in his face, and chancing on a time to meete an olde Souldiour, that had as great a skarre in the face as he, he stood gazing thereupon a good while: Then th'other asked him why he did so: He answered: I am sure I am by, but you haue woune it by the elder hand.

A Souldiour

A Souldiour, that had a piteous mangled face, brought his garment to a Tayloꝝ to mende : The Tayloꝝ ga-
zing earnestly on his face, at last said ; You had moze need be
new made, then mended.

A Italian Souldiour at the siege of Bergaine op Zome
in Brabant, prostrated himselfe to the ground, at the
sight of a Cannon shot, and said. Not bow to thee, not bow
to God.

A Souldiour that in his mirth was most gracious, and
in his rage intollerable : One said, that he was like
a Quince that helpes digestion well, and yet is it selfe hard
to digest.

A Spanish Officer hauing an English Gentleman that
seru'd his King in the Lowe Countreys, and saying:
My Liege giues thee bread to eate: else mightst thou starue
well ynough: He answered, Your King indeed adventures
his purse for me, but I my Princesse displeasure and my life
for him.

One preferred warrs befoze peace, and his reason was,
because that in warres the fathers burie their sonnes,
but in peace the sonnes their fathers.

A Souldiour was a telling how that in a battell in which
he was, th'ennemies Arrows were so infinite in the
ayre, that they darkened the Sunne ouer them : Whereun-
to another answered: Then had you the oddes, to fight with
them in the shade.

In a plaine all couered ouer with snowe, a Captaine seeing
a souldiour march in his Doublet and Hose with a pike
on his shoulder all in a sweat, ask'd him how in so cold a day
as that, and but in a thin doublet and hose he could possible
sweat so : The souldiour answered : Marie (Captaine)
if you carried all your goodes vpon your backe at once, as I
doe, I warrant you, you would sweat as well as I.

OF CHALLENGES AND
COMBATES.

A Gentleman reading a letter of defiance, wherein he was challenged the field, his Page holding the candle vnto him whiles he read it, and smutting it, chanced to put it out. Sirra (then said the Gentleman) light the candle againe quickly, for I tell thee (boy) this letter comes not to put out candles, but to kill God a mercy on his soule.

In the combat betwene Phillipin the Duke of Sauoys bastard brother, and Monsieur Crequi, Phillipin was run quite through the body and nailed to the earth : which done, Crequi bad him begge his life or lose it, you are a foole (answered Phillipin) to bid me aske what you cannot giue.

Fernandes Gonzales, appointed twelue Spanish Souldiours to combat so many other French men hand to hand: And it fell out that the combat ended with equall honour to both nations: Whereupon Gonzales said: I sent my Spaniards forth for better men.

In Spaine single combat is not allowed, but betwene persons of like blood and lineage: A Spanish Gentleman hauing a quarrell with another not his equall, sent him a challenge thus: I, P. doe acknowledge my selfe as base a villaine as thou thy selfe: and therefore, see thou mee to morrow at such a place.

A Spanish Souldiour, challenged an Italian Gentleman to the field: Whereunto the Italian excepted, as in respect he was the better; neuertheless (he said) I haue a boy that shall fight with thee in the right of my quarrell, where'er thou darest to appoint: The Spaniard hereunto thus answered: Let that boy come: for boy, or base how ere he be, I will accompt him thy better.

It was bypbraided to one that he turn'd his backe to his Ienemie, and ranne away: He answered: No; I did but trauerse:

traverse my ground in the fury of my spiritus.

A Gentleman, who was none of the wisest, was deputed iudge in iust, of a Just betwene two other Gentlemen: And one saying vnto him; (Sir) how thinke you of this last course, hath not Maister P. lost his Launce: meaning that he had not countercrusht it vpon his aduersaris: whereunto he answered: if Maister P. haue lost his Launce, let him seeke it out againe.

A Solitarie Gentleman challenged to ranne with one fo; a wager: what wager (said th'other :) He answered, Fo; humours.

A olde Gentleman being a hunting, lost one of his Eagles, and vnderstanding that such a young Gallant had taken it vp, sent to him to demand it: whieh the youth refusing to deliuer, the next day, he sent him a challenge to the field. But the young Gentleman return'd him this answer: That in regarde of his weake olde age, he would not so much distaine his vigorous youth, as to encounter him in Armes. Whereunto the olde Gentleman replied: That notwithstanding that he was a young boy indeed, yet was it ingratefully done of him, in that he did not at leastwise daigne to thanks him fo; such proffered spures, how euer he durst o;listen not to accept them, being offered to such his infant yeares of vnderfert.

TRAVAYLERS BY LAND

and Sea.

A Travailing Gentleman being returned home out of Italy, discoursed to a friend of his a very unlikely accident that had befallen him by the way. Whereat his page standing by, said: I beseech your worship giue me leane to beleue it.

If a common betweene two Ale-houses, stood a faire stone crosse, and two Gentlemen ryding by it, the one of them

them said : *Sé* where stands a Crosse betwéne two Thées. One of the Ale-house hostes ouerhearing him say so, was all in a pelting chafe, and foully taunted the Gentleman theréfore : Who answered, Why (my friend) thou art the good Thée.

Two Trauailers met together at an Inne, and a fat Capon was seru'd by to their boord, At dinner time one asked the other, whether he had a father living or no : He answered no : And withall told him a long discourse how, and where, and how long since his father died : Peane time th'other eat by all the best of the Capon : Which the tale-teller at last perceiving, halfe angry, said vnto him : Now that you haue heard the discourse of my fathers death, I pray you tell me, haue you also ere a Father living : He answered, no. Now I pray you then tell me (quoth th'other) how he died : He very earnest at his victuals, briefly answered : Sodainely, very sodainly.

A Gentleman of Henry the eightes priuy Chamber, ha- uing got leaue to trauaile, and being returned home, the King demanded of him diuers questions touching his trauaile : amongst the rest he asked him if he had sene the citty of Venice ? and he answered, Y : then the King demanded, of what state and beauty it was ? & he reply'd that truely he had taken little note thereof, for he had but onely galloped poast through it by night and so departed.

A Mastiffe dog flew vpon a passenger, and he with the pike of his staffe ran him into the guts, and kil'd him : The owner of the dog hereupon commenc'd his action against the party : And the matter being brought to the iudges, the Iudge asked him why he did not rather strike the dog with the wood end of the staffe, then with the pike : He answered : And like your Honour, he sue at me with his teeth, not with his tayle.

Don Iohn de Figueroa vsed to say : That he that enermore alleadgeth in his conuersation other mens sayings, is like a govtynayle, that cannot enter the wood, except an awgar make the way besore.

A Trauailer

A Trauailer meeting a Country-man, asked him the way to such a place: The Country-man told him, and withall brought him partly on his way: and as they rode together, he took exceptions to the Trauailers bag, which he wore sagging downe his belly before, and said: It is the manner of this country to weare bags at our sides, not vpon our bellies as you doe. Therunto the Trauailer answered: I weare it thus, because I suppose there are many thieves in this country.

Aldeman trauailing into a farre country, and being some eight or nine daies iourney on his way, al hot and pursie as he was, wrote a letter to his wife, in which he said: As for my health (wife) I am well (I thanke God) he therto, onely I finde my breath somewhat short, insomuch as I dare assure me if euer I die, it wil be for want of breath and nothing else.

A Water-man ferried a Gentleman ouer a riuer, who was booted and spurr'd, and went to take horse on th' other side the water; to whome the Gentleman said: How chanceth it (my friend) that thou workest this day, being Ascension day? he answered: It seemes (sir) your Worshipp meanes to ride to day.

A Hostler taking a Gentlemans boots downe to make cleane: The Gentleman said vnto him: I pray thee (felloe) let my bootes alone, for th'old durt will serue to keepe out the new.

Two Trauailers scow'd horses one with another, and when they had done, the one of them said: Now at a word you haue as errant a jade as euer went on foure legs, for he is foundred, he hath the scratches, he is broken winded, &c. Th'other answered: Then haue I but mine owne againe.

One trauailing on a frosty morning through a country village, was set vpon by a Galliffe: He stopping for a stone to throw at him, & feeling it hard frozen to the earth, said: A pare on the country where the stones are ty'd, and dogs let loose.

A Plaine Gentleman riding vpon a leane large horse, a Gallant that met him, ask'd him what a parde of his horse was worthy: with that he bid his man alight, and lift vp his horse taile vnto him, and then he answered. Enter into the shop, and they within will shew you.

A Trauailer affirming that he saue a Cole-wort so monstrous huge that 500. men on horse backe might stand in her shade. Another answered: And I for my part did once see a Chaldon so wide, that 300. men wrought therein, euery one distant twenty yardes from other. When the Cole-wort lyer asked him, to what vse the Chaldon was made & he answered. To seeth your Colewort in.

A Trauailer vsed to tell monstrous lyes of his iourneys, and of the places & things he had scene. And being one day in conuersing with many Gent. and boasting that he had scene these and these places: one of them said vnto him: Welike you are scene in Cosmography: No (he answered) I neuer was in that City yet, but indeed I remember I once trauailed in sight of it, leauing it somewhat on the left hand, but such was my hast, that I ouerpast it, as I haue done many a faire Citie moze in my dayes.

One accompanied another many daies together about his affaires, and finding himselfe not duely comply'd withall for such his curtesie, vpbraided him with his aforesaid trauaile; Wherunto th'other answered. As much went I with you, as you with me.

A Trauailer coming to his Inne, saue a fat Goose at the syer, and desired to haue it to dinner, and when it was serued vp, it smelt extreamely, insomuch that the traveller cal'd for his Host and bad him smell what he had sent vp: the host presently swoze that the Goose was flaine but that morning: A vengeance on you said the traveller you kil'd her shyting then: say I am sure she stinkes still abominably.

One that had bene whipt at a carts taile for a misdeemeanor fled his country for very shame, and embark'd away to an obscure Iland in the sea, where he spent the remainder of his life: and walking one day in the high street

of the towne, where he remained, he chanced to see a poore fellow whipt at a Cartes taile along the street, and in compassion of his case, he said : Lord how can this poore soule endure all this whipping chere ? By chance one that stood by, and knewe his foresaid correction at home in his owne country, answered. Euen (as a man would say) as well as he that had abidden the like whipping-chere before.

DOn Iuan de Urbina vsed to say : That such as report newes of strange countries, are like vagabonds, whose garments consist rather of patches, then of any principall piece.

A Poore young Gentleman carrying his dumble olde mother before him vpon a Gule : The Duke of Nazareth ouertooke him on the way, and he thinking it good manners to beare the Duke company, the rather because he had a Gentlewoman before him, offered to presse nere him, to the end to ride chake by iowle by him : His olde mother being more considerate, and seeing his follie, spurn'd the Gule as hard as she could out of the way : But the wise-acre her son seeing her do so, thought that she did it rather to hasten nere vnto the Duke : wherupon he in that conceit set spurs vnto the Gule so fiercely, that the Gule war'd stark mad with all, and in his fury ranne into a ditch, where (in the Dukes sight) he threw them both downe, viz. The mother vndermost with all her cloathes about her eares, and her sonne vpon her, and the Gule vpon them both.

Gonzalo Fernandes arriuing safe a shor in Spaine after a great tempest, and looking back to the sea, he espied another ship tending to the same shor, and vpon the poop of it, a Gallant clad all in crimson veluet : Whereupon Don Diego de Mendoza, asking him who he thought that might be : He answered : it is Santelmus, who neuer appeareth but after a tempest.

In a perrilous storme at sea, a passenger of the companie, whiles all the rest were a weeping and praying, and making humble bowes to God for their safeties, fell hard to his victuals : And being for such his impietie reprehended, he answered : Being to drinke by and by so great a draught of water,

water, is it not mete (trow ye) that I victuaile my paunch
will afoze hand?

A Passenger at sea feeling his stomacke rise, said vnto the
maister of the ship: I pray hold still the ship a while,
till I vomite.

A Ship sayling toward Peru, a mighty storme arose and
endangered it: Whereupon the Captaine charged e-
uery man to throwe into the sea, the heauiest thing he could
best spare, to the end to lighten somewhat the ship. A passen-
ger that had his wife there, offered then to throwe her ouer-
board, but the company rescued her: And being asked what
he ayl'd so to doe, he answered: Shee is the heauiest thing I
haue, and I can best spare her.

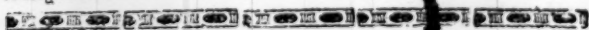
One counsaile his friend to passe along by sea from
Newcastle to London, asſuring that with a good
winde he might arrive there both sooner then by land, and
with halfe the charge. Th'other answered: No, I list not
ride vpon a horse that goas an end, and that I cannot alight
off him at all seasons when I list my selfe.

A Water-man asſured, that all boates were females;
And his reason was, because folk vse to enter into them.

A Ship being by mischance set on fire vpon the coast of Pe-
ru, and past all recovery, a Soldiour thre w himselfe in-
to the sea, and said: Some rost, some sod.

A Fishmonger in a tempest at sea, seeming to feare drown-
ing: The Harriners asked him, whether he fear'd
to be eaten of Fishes: he answered: No, rather may Fishes
feare me.

One praying his friend to lend him his cloake: The o-
ther answered: Seeing it raines not, what neede po u
er'e a cloake: and if it should raine, why then should I neede
it my selfe.



OF POLITITIANS.

A Politician wanted to say: Who so deceiues me once,
God forgive him: If twice, still God forgive him, and
God

God forgive me : But if thise, will God forgive him, but
ner'e forgive me.

O He bled to say, that men now a dayes make more of
all thinges, then our fore-fathers did, all but our
graves.

O He would needs prove that men now adaves are wiser
then men of olde time, and his reason was : Because
they could remedy euill onely with god, but men now
adaves can remedy one mischiefe with another.

O He bled to say : That it is alwaies god to misse a
friend before he be missing.

O He bled to say : Better be worse at the beginning then
at the latter ending.

O He ask'd Borgea Caesar what was the best rule in po-
licy : he answered : To loue no man, but himselfe, or
if any man, to do it for himselfe.

O He ask'd the same Borgea, whether an honest seruant
or a dishonest were better : he answered : Both were
of like vertue, and it was more to preferue both for their se-
uerall uses.

O He ask'd Machiuell how he might doe, neuer to be
deceiued : he answered him : Neuer to trust any man.

O He ask'd the Duke of Guise how he should beare him-
selfe against his adue-sarie : and the Duke answered :
Oppose whatsoeuer he saith (be it right or wrong) because
he said it, for it is more to be carefull to break his faction
as to strengthen your owne.

Domitian would say, the onely way to winne the Roman
peoples heartes, was to promise all thinges, and per-
forme nothing.

Lyphus being asked how a man might keepe a good ser-
uant : answered : By not making him rich, for wealth
onely alters purposes.

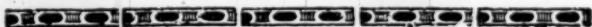
Philip Duke of Burgandie was wonted to say : Of great
personages speake neither good nor bad : For if you
speake good of them, happily thou helpest them : if euill, thou
maist repent it.

A Polititian alwaies wisth his enimie these three advantages, viz. A iust plea in law, to loue such as wisth ill, and to win at the beginning of play.

A Polititian aduising a young Gentleman to deale doubly, and dissemble twenty manner of faces in the affaire hee had in hand : He answered ; I list not haue my selfe to so many faces, for that one good face is both better worth, and a great deale easier to represent.

A Polititian aduising a well disposed person to counteresse, seeing he was likely in time to receiue some benefit at his hands, if he pleasd him well : Th'other answered : I list not haue my selfe to dauantages.

The Italians vse to say, *De che me fio, me gaurde Iddio; De che no me fio, me guardare Io*: That is,
A fained friend God shield me from his danger,
For well I'll saue my selfe from foe and stranger.



OF SVTE AND SVTERS.

One Henrie Goldingham that had long sued to her Maiestie for her signet to his granted suite, and her Maiestie still saying that she had no pen and inke at hand to doe it. at last he humbled his bill to her highnesse foote, and said : May it then please your Maiesty but to step pour royall foote hereupon, and I my selfe will then warrant it for good. Her maiesty so well liked of such his merry conceipt, that presently calling for pen and inke, did daigne to signe it.

The Cardinall Don Pedron Gonzales being 80. yeares olde, a seruitor of his as olde, or rather older then himselfe, besought him of the Alchaldeship of Canales, an office which was lately fallen into his graunt : Whereunto the Cardinall answered, that hee was soze he had spoken so late, for asmuch as he had already graunted it to another, promising that the next that fell, he should haue it without
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all faile: O my good Lord (reply'd the seruitor) but what thing in this worlde can sooner fall boyde then your grace
or I?

A Italian Captaine in the Low countries besought the Duke of Parma of an vnreasonable sute which: the Duke refused him, & he humbly thanked his Alte; therefore: Whereat his friends and fellows by, meruailing, he said: Euen humble thanks for that his Excellence hath so speedily dispatch me.

A Young Nobleman in Spaine, suing a Duke for his Dutchie: in the midst of all the law, fell in loue with a very meane Gentlewoman, whose name was Blanke, and married her forthwith: Whereat his father was in great chafe, and said: The foole suing for the Dukedome, would he be pleased with a Blanke?

A Poore man was an humble suter to a Gentleman, who said vnto him; I pray thee (fellow) be gone, for thy breath stinks miserably of garlick: He answered, Not I Sir, happily it is my sute that stinks vnto you.

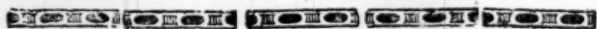
A Peane souldior suing vnto Alexander for a reward, he gaue him a Citie, and the soldior tolde him it was too great a guilt, and his merit had not deserued such a recompence; Sir (sayde Alexander) I doe not looke what is fit for you to haue, but what is meete for me to giue.

A Gentleman passing along vnder his Mistresse window, she chanced (spitting out thereat) to spit vpon him, and forthwith perceiuing her amisse, crav'd pardon of him therefore; who answered: Forsooth (Lady) a fisher-man wets and dables himselfe all day long, and perchance catcheth but Gimps in the end: and I to catch so faire a Trout as you, doe you thinke I can loth so slight a deaw? Faith no.

A Reuerend person besought a largesse of a Prince for a friend of his, and the Prince refus'd it him; he neuertheless still intreated, and it would not be: till at last, humbling himselfe vpon his knee at the Princes foote, with much entreaty he obtain'd it: A many a Gentlemen standing by, condemn'd such his too much basenes, considering his grauitie and wisdome, and told him, that he had therein

greatly discredited his reuerence and magnanimitie : He answered , that is not my fault (Gentlemen) but the Princes, whose eares (as you see) are in his heeles.

O He besought a Judge for iustice, and thus he said: My good Lord, whereas the iniurie that such a one hath done me, is very hell: Now, howsoever it shall please your L. to end the matter, I will accompt it heauen.



OF GAME AND GAMSTERS.

A Ladie had an vnthriftie sonne, and she being to take water on a time, and seeing the billowes rough, and the winde high, said vnto him : Sonne, if I dzolue to day , pray thee play not away my cloathes till I be buried.

O He bled to say, that dice and purging pilles were of like nature : for that a little of th'one purgeth a mans panch thoroughly, and a little of the other a mans purse.

O He disprais'd Dice, and said, that Dicers are worse then Usurers : for that they with a hundred get but ten, but Dicers with ten, happily get a hundred.

A Captaine and a Marchant plaide at dice, & the Captaine Alost, & swoze lustily euer and anon : At last hauing lost all, he snatched it all away from the marchant againe: wher at the Marchant amaz'd, stood trembling and said: Captaine, if you meant I should not carie away any winnings, what ail'd you to sweare and rage so at euery word :

Fernando Gonzales wanted to say; that a great gamesster could hardly be an honest man, because he both heares that in play which he may not well abide, and uttereth that which others may no lesse abide,

O He asked a great Dicer of pale complexion, what was the reason he still looked so pale and wan : He answered : So lookes the money I lost at play.

One ask'd another what Gallant that was, that passed by so brauely towards the Court, so stately mounted, and atty'd all in Gold: *Wary* (quoth he) it is one maister *F.* a Gentleman that maintaines himselfe so gallant as you see, onely by play. By play: (reply'd the other) In truth I haue not sene any, that hath so well redressed his owne defaults by others defaults.

A Friend aduis'd a great gamester his kinsman to giue ouer play, affirming that it was a great sinne, and a folly both: Whereunto th' other answered: rather is it an especiall vertue, and a singular remedy against all the seauen deadly sinnes. For first, how can that man be proud (trow yee) who after hauing lost an hundred or a thousand pounds at Dice with a Noble man, will afterward be so humble, as to venture his Tesser with a Lacky: Or how can that man be couetous, that cannot safegard his vtmost penny for play: Or how can he possiblie be lustie to women, that continually tyres himselfe out at play: Or how can he be a glutton, that dare not bestow a Tesser on his bellie, for feare he should want it at play: Or how can he be enuious of other mens goods, that is so careless of his owne: Or how can he be easily angry, that puts vp a thousand curses euery night, for sitting vp so late at play: Or how can he be accompted slothfull, that sits vp whole dayes and nights at play, and neuer lins playing:

A Great Gamester in London, hauing cheated a young nouice of his money exceeding grossly, a Gentleman standing by and seeing the same, drew the Gamester to one side and asked him, if he were not ashamed to cossen the poore young Gentleman so basely: but he answered: No, for since nature had cossen him of his wit, it was no shame for him, to cheatch him of his wealth.

One discommending Bul bayting in Spaine with darts, where the Bull is suffered to runne loose: and his reason was: Because it teacheth men to runne away.

Pedro Maxia a Spanish Croniographer, woonted to say, that belike it is a shamefull thing to run at the ring, seeing none doe it bare fac'd, but with their Beuers downe.

A Gentleman who did greatly stut and stammer in his speech, playing at Patwe, laid downe a winning Cardes, and then said vnto his partner; How sa-ay ye now, was not this ca-ca ard pa-as-alling we-we-well la-a-ayd? Pcs (answered th'other) It is well alyd, but yet it needes not halfe that cackling.

A Mooze biewing the Bull bayted with dartes in an inclosed compasse of ground, where both the Bull and the men fought loosely and in danger: a Spaniard asked him how he liked that sport? He answered, To little for earnest, and too much for Jest.

A Greasie companion lost his money at Cardes, and in his rages still said: The Deu'll take me: At last a stander by hearing him say so, answered: So would he (I warrant you) were it not for feare of your bird-lime.

A Cogging companion asking a ciuill Gentleman, whether he would play with him at Dice? He answered, No, with no such lucratiue fellowes as you.

A Gamester ought a Gentleman (a friend of his) five pounds, and hauing lost all his money at Dice, sent to borrow five pounds more, by the token that he ought him already five poundes: Whereunto the Gentleman thus answered the Messenger: Bid your maister send me the token, and then I'll send him the five poundes.

The end of the first booke.

WITS, FITS, AND FANCIES.

THE SECOND PART, OF POPES AND PRELATES.

YT was discoursed at the Table of Pope Alexander the sixth, whether Physicians were necessarie in a common wealth, yea or no? Some affirming that Rome being five hundred yeares and odde without them, the Citizens lived in good health, and lussie all that while: And therefore
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a kinde of Cattell, that might very well be spared in a common wealth. Not so (said the Pope) rather are they right necessarie (in my opinion) for without them the world would increase so fast, that one could not live by another.

Aldre Seruitor of a Pope besought him of the Archbishopricke of Sylence in the Ile of Sardinia, the said suppliant being a very talkative and prating man : Wherevnto the Pope answered : Trust me, you haue no reason to craue that See of all others, being it will euermore approue you a liar.

ACardinall complained vnto Pope Clement the seauenth, how one Michael Angelo his Painter in a picture which he had drawne of Doomes-day in Saint Peters Chappell at Rome, had therein figured him in Hell amongst the damned, beseeching him to bid it be altered to some other fauour : Wherevnto the Pope answered, Well you wot, I can release a soule out of Purgatory but not out of Hell.

Pope Adrian the sixth was minded to haue throwne Pasquins Image into Tyber, thereby to take away all occasion of libelling, which was then vsed in Rome in the person of that Image ; Wherevnto the Duke of Sesa answered: If your Holines throwe Pasquin into Tyber, out of doubt he will turne to a Frogge, and then will he croke both day and night, whereas now his clamour is but onely in the day time.

Francis Symenes being created Cardinal and Archbishop of Tolledo, wrote to an especiall friend of his of such the high honour he was call'd vnto, and of his good success : Wherevnto the Gentleman answered, that as concerning his Graces perticular, he was glad he had attain'd so soueraigne a dignity: for that his vertues did deserue no lesse. But as for himselfe, hee was sorry that by such his Graces promotion he had lost so great a friend : As much to say, as true friendship can be but amongst equals.

ACertaine man of Osma in Spaine hauing his case to be differ'd and adiudg'd by the Cardinall Symenes his deputie in the towne of Alcula, tooke exceptions to the said
Judge

Judge, as one whome he thought fauoured not his case, and therfoze besought his grace to assigne him some other Judge either of Madryl or Guadalaiaira: Whereunto the Cardinall gaine saying, and asking him what sufficient man he thought was in Madryl or Guadalaiaira to determine his matter then his foresaid deputy in Alcala? To this the man of Olma repli'd: And like your grace there was one found in Tordelaguna, who was woorthy to be Cardinall and Archbishop of Tolledo (meaning the Cardinall himselfe who was borne in that poore parish). And then doth your Grace thinke neither Madryl nor Guadalaiaira can afforde a sufficient Judge of my plea?

A Cardinall passing along the streete, and being saluted by a band of soldiours with much shot, so as the smoke was very thicke and vsauory: One of his Gentlemen besought him to hasten somewhat faster from out that fume: Wherof answered the Cardinall) this is the sent that pleaseth me aboute all the inenite in the world.

The Cardinall Symenes being deputed high gouernour ouer all Spaine in the Emperour Charles his absence, & vnderstanding at last that the Emperour was now landed againe on the coast: At this present newes he disposed all the treasure he then had in his hands to the Colledge of Alcala, and to other Churches vses: as though that Spaine now needed no treasure for her defence, so long as the Emperour was there arrived in person. And as concerning the said treasure he said, that if an Angell from heauen should haue tolde him before the Emperours landing, that his Maiesty would not rid him thereof at his arrivall, he would haue thought him some deuill in an Angels shape: And that now no lesse would he thinke him a Deuill that should come and tell him that the Emperour would not acquite him thereof, hauing dispos'd it to so good vses.

The foresaid Cardinall neuer bestowed benefice vpon any that came to beg it at his hands: It chanced on a time that a preist hearing of a rich benefice that was newly fallen in his country, and being very liquorish thereof, came vnto him, and thus bespake him: Most reuerend Sir, forasmuch

much as well I wot your Grace neuer bestowes benefice vpon any that craues it at your handes, I giue you to vnderstand that in my countrey there is a benefice fallen into your graunt, which would very well bestow mee, by reason it is nere the place where I was borne. Now I humbly beseech your Graces good aduice how I may come by it: Well (answered the Cardinall) you shall haue it, and forthwith he commanded his Secretary to draw him out a faire collation, which was done, and he had it.

The Cardinall Don Pedro Gonzales de Mendoza, vpon a Christmas morning offered at a Masse an entire Altar-suit, so rich, as it was valued at eightene thousand Crownes, and after his said Offertory ended, kneeling downe befoze the Altar, he there remained a good space in humble prayers and teares: Which the Marques of Cenete seeing, came to him, and said: Reuerend Father, I beseech you wepe no more, for I'll undertake to get you the whole suite restor'd you againe.

The said Cardinall seeing a Priest carrying a cudgell vnder his gowne, said vnto him: It ill becomes your habit to beare a weapon about you: Whereunto the Priest answered and protested, that he bare it not in quarrell against any Christian creature in the world, but onely to defend himselfe against the Dogges of that towne, which he found to be fierce and angry Curres. Oh (reply'd the Cardinall) and wherefoze (I pray you) then serues S. Iohns Gospell? He answered: True (my Lord) but these curres vnderstand no Latyn; and therefore against them am I faine to beare this defence as you see.

On telling the Cardinall S. George (as he sat at dinner) that the Pope had sent Paul the Archdeacon of Saint Ananastelin to speake with him: He made answer, That he would neither speake with Paul nor with Peter, no nor with Haister Nazareth now he was set at dinner.

The Cardinall Don Alonso Manrique spent much, and towd much: There was in his Church a Channon, who was so good a fellow that he seldome eat at home, and yet neuertheless retayn'd a Steward in continuall standing

wages: Whereupon the Cardinall vpon a time merrily asking him what he meant to keepe a Steward, hauing so little vse to put him to: The Chammon no lesse merrily answered: Your Grace hath great reason, for in sooth (my Lord) my Steward and your Treasurer may very well be whipt at a Cartes taile for vagabondes.

A Gentleman of Cardinall Wolseys, making way before his Lord as he passed through the Church, and seeing a poore Priest kneeling at his prayers in the way, raised him vp, saying: Come for my Lord Cardinals Grace; Whereupon the Priest rose vp and said: Till his Grace (trowe ye) supplie my place:

A Bishoppe was bestowed vpon one that seem'd to be a man of god life, but was not generally so reputed: And the Cardinall Loyasa greeted him thus: My Lord, God send you ioy: and I am glad you are prouided of a Sea, before your hypocrisie be fully ended.

On Alonso Cartilio, a Spanish Archbishop, his householde expence was too excessive, that on a time his Steward telling him, that except he took some more moderate sort of liuing, his rentes could not possible maintaine it: Well, (answered the Archbishop) let me downe then what meane you would haue me obserue in this matter: Whereunto the Steward replying, that it might please his Grace to put away all idle persons, and retaine onely necessarie ones: Well (reply'd the Prelate) but giue me then a note of such as you iudge necessarie, and another of the vnnecessary: The Steward did so: Then the morrowe after the Bishop commanding at his household before him into his great Hall, will'd his Steward to set his necessarie seruants in a rowe by themselves on the one side, and the vnnecessary ones likewise, seuerall by themselves on the other side: which being done, he then said vnto his Steward: These necessarie ones which you haue here placed, I haue neede of them all, and these others (I tell thee) they haue all neede of me: Wherefore necessarie and vnnecessary, I will still retaine them all.

A poore widowe that had her onely daughter to bestow, humbly besought the aforesaid Archbishop of his bounty towards her preferment. The Bishop was content, and calling for pen and inke, wrote a warrant downe into the Country to his Steward to deliuer her fifty pounds, thinking in dede he had writtten but five pounds: When the Steward saw the bill, he straight tooke horse and rode up to the Bishop, and tolde him: Your Grace hath awarded pondeer poore widow fifty poundes for her daughter, and so it is that I haue not so much in hand. So (said the Bishop) what not poore five pounds: Pes five, and like your Grace (answered the Steward) but your assignation is fifty pounds: Be it fifty poundes then (reply'd the Bishop) for sure not I, but God or some of his good Angells set it downe so: Wherefore no more adoe, let her haue it. With that the Steward was faine to begeth it, and she had it.

The Archbishop of Cullen riding along the plaine all rounded about with men of warre, and himselfe most brightly glittering in Armes: A Swaine ploughing thereabouts laughed to see him so: Which the Prelat perceiuing, commanded him straight before him, and asked him why he laughed so: Marry I laugh (answered the Peasant) to see an Archbishop so Honourably gallant. Why sirrah (said the Bishop) I am thus as a Duke, not as an Archbishop or a Priest: Euen so sir (reply'd the Swaine) now I pray then cracke me this nut, were my L. Duke at the Denill, where (trow ye) were my Lord Archbishop then?

The Archbishop of Granada, saying to the Archbishop of Toledo that he much meruelled he being so great a state would visite Hospitals, and performe to the sick and needie such a deale of goodgerie as dayly he did. Maruell not hereat (answered the good Bishop) but rather well weighing with your selfe. what is the true dignity and duty of a Pastor, wonder at the many good duties I doe omit.

A Spanish bishop riding on the way, saw a shepherd sunning himselfe vnder a banke, and thus he bespake him: I meruaile much (shepherd) that shepherds now adayes

are not like as they were in times past, when there were of them great Prophetes and great Kinges in the world, and to them it was that the Angell first denounced the natiuitie of our Sauour Iesus Christ afore all others. Ah Sir (answered the Shepheard) neither are Bishops now a dayes like to those good ones of olde time, at diuers of whose deathes the belles did ring of themselves, and now can scarce be made to tolle, but with many mens strength.

A Bishop sent halfe a dozen of Capons to an Abbot, And the bearer eat one of them to his dinner by the way: Now when th'Abbot had read the Bishops letter, which certified that he had sent him five Capons, he then said vnto the messenger. Oylad, I pray thee tell my Lord Bishop, I humblye thanke his Lordshippe for five Capons, and as for the sixth, giue thou him thanks for it thy selfe.

A Bishops Chaplaine helping his Lord on with his Rochet, and being somewhat long a drawing on the sleeves: Why when? (said the Bishop) me thinkes you are very tedious about this gære. And like your Grace (he answered) your sleeves are very straight: very straight indeed (reply'd the Bishop) for well I wot, full twenty yeares hane I traualled to get them on, and till this time could I neuer attaine to doe it.

In a solemne festiuitie which was holden at Guadalajara in Spaine, two Gentlemen appeared to the multitude in Clergie attire, to discharge vnto them some Churchmerriment: and being demaunded in a Bishoppes name, who was there present, who they were? We are (quoth they) two Archdeacons of the Church of Vtica, and so tell your Lord: The said Bishop being Prelate of that place.

Bishop Gardener being depriued of his Bishopricke, one thus saluted him in derision: Farewell Bishop Olim: He answered: Gramercie Bnaue Semper.

Lord Cromwell reproching Bishop Gardener, being depriued of his Bishopricke by the King, said: Where is now

now (sr Bishop) all your *Gloria patri* become. He answered: Euen as it pleased the King my Liege: *Peuertheless, sicut erat in principio*, so am I still (my Lord) as good a gentleman as your selfe.

A Chanonrie of the Church of Cuenca was fallen into the Bishops graunt, and a certaine scholler, who had before time translated out of Latine into Spanishe the vaine wordes of Tostado, became an humble suer to the Bishop for it; which the Bishop deny'd him, saying: It is no cream to be eaten with Tostados, viz. Tostes.

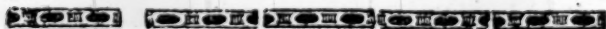
One besought a worshipfull Gentleman to be a meanes for him to a Bishop to forgive him a certaine drizzling debt: The Gentleman answered, His power is to binde, not to loose.

One Frier Rapiero, a famous preacher, had a petty Bishopricke bestow'd vpon him in the Ile of Corsica: And one pittying his no higher preferment, said: Alas, it is too small a pommell for such a Rapier.

The Cardinall Don Alonso Carillio enioyn'd his Teller to bring him at euery months end a chronicle of all merrie matters that had happened in the meane time: The Cardinall within a while after entertained an Alcauist, to whome being but newly come, he deliuered a thousand Crownes to goe to Tolledo to buy him all manner of implements belonging to the Arte. In which meane time he called for his foresaid Chronicker to knowe what occurrences were befallen that month: Then the Teller among other fooleries, read vnto him what a monstrous follie he himselfe had committed, to trust a stranger with a thousand crowns, whome happily he should neuer see more: Whereunto the Cardinall answered: But what if he doe come againe hoto then? Hary then (reply'd the Chronicker) will I put you out, and put him in your place.

A Wick thanke telling a Prelate that such a Gentleman had highly slandered him in publike; and that withall aduising him to reuenge it in a very high degree: He answered: And wherefore (I pray ye then) seue these wordes of Christ, *Mihi vindictam & ego retribuam*?

Cardinall Medices a Duke of Florence, seeing certaine Jewes walke Sabbothly vpon a Saterday in his faire Garden on Mount Trinity in Rome, commanded them (in despight of such their Saterday Sabboth) to be imployed all that day in seruile worke in his said Garden, and at night made them a liberall Supper of good chere. Amongst which he caus'd minc'd Porkes to be set afoze them, so cunningly disguis'd, and besauc'd, that they vnwittingly fell to it, and eat thereof, contrary to their superstitious pork-opinion in that point: And after they had supt, paid them a large day-wages, and so dismiss them: They at parting being told of the disguis'd Porkes they had eaten, were starke mad; and whereas befoze they held themselves guilty onely of their seruile labour that day (it being their Sabboth day) now were they outrageous testy at both together: And in a full stomacke of detest, flung downe their wages, and would none of it; But to their Synagogue they hy'd them, and there tolde their Rabbin of all the premises: Whereupon he forthwith excommunicated the Cardinall, and deeply accursed him to the pit of hell in full congregation: Which he vnderstanding, went the next day to Pope Pius Quintus, and in jest tolde him all the story, as aforesaid, concluding with the Rabbins excommunication and accurse against him: And withall merrily besought the Pope to release him thereof. The Pope toke it in farre other sence, and greatly rebuked the Cardinall therefore, affirming that he had done a very scandalous act, so to force the conscience of a Jew, they not being shæpe of Christs fold, and therefore without the liberty of his Croizier to pastozize, much lesse to enforce in matter of Religion: So saying, he enioin'd him a very seueren penance, both personall an pecuniarie.



OF PRIESTS AND FRYERS.

A Silly Fryer came to a Doctor of Toledo, and told him that he thought he had incur'd irregularity, soz saying to

to his Assc by the way as he accompanied certaine prisoners to execution: Haight beast, and on a Gods name: supposing that by reason thereof he had so much the sooner brought the poore prisoners to their ends. To whome the Doctor answered: In reparation of that irregularitie, you must seek out the said Assc againe, and as often as you said then vnto him, haight beast: o; on a Gods name, so often say vnto him now, Doe beast, faire and softly a Gods name.

A Confessor comming to visite a sicke poore woman in bed, and after hauing heard her confession, and giuen her good ghostly aduise to Godward: At his departure the poore widdow willed her maid to giue him the fattest Capon she had: The maide did so, and the priest accepted it, and went his way. Shortly after the woman recouered her health, and walking abroad, she missed among other her Boultreyp this Capon, and so getting how she had bestowed it, she called her maid to her, and asked her what was become of it: Whereunto the maid answered that she had giuen it in her sicknes time to the Priest: She said, What a foule ill, did I so: So often had I giuen it heretofore to the Deuill when I missed it, and still it came againe, and giuing it but once to the Priest hath he carried it quite away:

A Great Preacher, ambitious of a Bishopricke: On a time after his sermon ended, comming downe the Pulpit, a gentleman of great worship standing by, proffered him his hand to helpe him downe: Pardon me sir (said the preacher) may it please you rather to help me by with your friendly hand, for downe (alas) I can come alone all too easilie.

A Churchman passing along by a Country Gentlemans doore, a Mastiffe doge sue vpon him, and all to betore his cloake. The morrowe after returning that way againe, he chanced to see the Gentleman then standing at his gate, and this doge by him, to whome he said: Sir, either tie vp your dogge, o; kisse his taile: Euen so plaine (answered the Gentleman:) Belæue me, since you so friendly put it to my choise, I will rather of the two tie him by.

A Frier following a Bishop all faire and softly after, as being much diseased with the Cowte: One of the Bishops

Bishops Gentlemen said unto him : On, on, Father, you need not feare falling on this faire earth. The Fryer answered : Men doe not fall because they feare falling, but they feare least they should fall.

A Spanish Fryer hauing granted vnto him a Bishopricke in India: He thus bespake the Emperours Secretary that oze the assignation. Sir, because I knowe how dangerous a thing a Bishopricke is to one that knowes not how to discharge his pastorall dutie therein as hee ought, and knowing withall my owne insufficiencie in that behalfe, I am verily of that opinion, that for mee to be a Bishop were my high way to hell. And in sooth to goe to hell by India is a great way about : Wherefore I pray you assigne me some nêrer Sea, or none at all.

A famous Preacher, who had long sued for a Bishopricke, and could not attaine to any, bled to say, that out of doubt if it rain'd Pyters, not any one would light vpon his head.

One Fryer inuited another to his Cell to dinner, and vpon some occasion the inuitant Fryer sent forth his boy, & then said vnto the other: The world reports you the son of a Gentleman, and for my part I verily thinke no lesse, so trimme and gracious is your conuersation. Whereunto the other answered : certainly if you speake this to frump me, you are much to blame, and if to commend me, why did you send away the boy.

The Pope and the King of Spaine betwene them created Fryer Frances Symones Arch-Bishop of Tolledo: Fryer Pasquill, Bishop of Burgos, and Fryer Diego Desa Archbishop of Valentia, all on one day : Whereupon one merrily said, that the Pope and the King play'd all that day at Friers Trump, or at Friers Kuffe.

A Fryer that was belting himselfe to passe, a Gentleman pray'd him to say a Hunters Passe (meaning a byrse Passe) with that the Fryer toke his Billall, & turn'd it all ouer leafe by leafe, continuing so doing a good while : Which the Gentleman thinking long, at last said vnto him: I pray you Father dispatch, He thinkes you are very long
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a registering your Disfall: Why sir, (answered the Frier) you bespeake a Hunters Passe, and in sooth I can finde no such Passe in all my booke.

A Priest extremely suspecting himselfe to be a Cuckold, fell hart sick with the conceite thereof, in somuch that a friend of his comming to visite him, ask'd him how he fared, and where his grieve lay: Whether in his head, or at his heart, or in what other member: And he made answer that he was onely troubled with a bad liuer meaning his wife that liued badly.

A Dominican & a Franciscan Frier trauailing together on the way, arriued at a brooke, where the Dominican requested the Franciscan, in as much as he was bare-footed, to carry him ouer the water on his backe: The Franciscan was content, and by he tooke him, and into the riuer he went: and being slept into the channell, there he paw'd, and said to the Dominican: Tell me (brother) haue you any money about you? The Dominican thinking that he aymed there, by at a consideration for his paines, answered: Yea marie haue I a little, but not much: Much or little then (reply'd) the Franciscan, well you wot my order allowes me not to carie any money about me, though well you may. And therefore, And with that downe he let slip the Dominican into the channell, where his money could not saue him from being very well wet.

The Portugalles keepe holy the battaile day of Aliuero, in which they ouerthrew and slew many thousand Spaniardes in the field: Upon which festiuall Aniuersary day, one Frier Iohn Hurtado the Kings confessor, comming to salute his Maestie, The King said vnto him: Tell me Father Hurtado, how like you this triumphant day of ours against the Spaniardes? Haue they any such holy dayes of victories against vs? Oh no my Liege, (answered the Frier) they are not halfe so happy a people: But as for Portugall, if it should keepe holy all her victories and conquestes against Spaine, euery day in the yeare would be a holy-day amongst vs, whereby we should stand in danger of famine for want of working dayes.

A vnlearned countrey Vicar preaching to his Parishioners against their continuall Ale-house going, vsed this argument: Sirs (quoth he) you that loue Ale so well, if you wist of what bad stuffe it were made, you woud loath it: For it is made of a thing call'd Salt. Now (I pray you) what is Salt but *S. A. L. T.*: as much to say, as *S.* much, *A.* ale, *L.* little, *T.* thrift.

A Plaine countrey Vicar perswaded his Parishioners in all their troubles and aduersities, to call vpon God, and thus he said: There is (dearly beloued) a certaine familiar beast amongst you called a Hog, see you not, how toward a stozme or a tempest it crieth euermore, ourgh, ourgh: So must you likewise in all your eminent troubles and dangers, say to your selues, *Lourghd, Lourghd, helpe me.*

O He Peter Martyr Cronicker to the King of Spaine, had bene a long time suter for a Bishopricke, and hearing at the last that foure seuerall Confessors were prouided of so many seuerall Deas at once, he said: Faith, among so many Confessors one Martyr would very well haue besetn'd their companye.

A Frier whose name was Bonadventure comming to be acquainted with another Frier, whose name was Malauer, as much to say in English as speed ill: Bonadventure said vnto him: Lord (brother Malauer) how many seeke for me and chance on you?

Two Monkes were accompted passing vertuous men, and the one of them was very fatte and grosse, and well complexioned, and th'other pale and megre. The *Hypro*; being asked on a time by a Nobleman what might be the reason of so different effects of vertuous liuing: he answered: And like your Honour, ponder fatte brother thinks onely of God and of the Ioyes of Heauen, and this other of death, dooms day and hell.

O He bled to say that folic fatter the Gentleman, and leide conditions boleanes Cleargie men.

Don signifies in Spanish Sir. A Frier hearing a Duker: After calling a many of his Lords gentlemen together, and saying Don Iohn, Don Alonso, Don Rodriguez, &c.

Hee adiopn'd: And I warrant you, there is ner'a Donum Spiritus-sancti among all these Dons.

A Clergy learned preacher was condemn'd of too much tediousnesse in his sermons, in that hee vsed oft times to repeat one thing twise: whereupon preaching on a time, hee said vnto the people. Brethren I vnderstand you condemne me of ouer tediousnes in my Sermons; Now the truth is, I am sure very few of you vnderstand me well the first time, and therefore am I faine to repeat it once againe, and then in doing so, you say I am too tedious: And (good faith) to repeat it once and a halfe, that's worst of all, and I am sure you will like that neither.

A Fryer following a many Gentlewomen in the stræte, who with their long traines rais'd by a great dust after them: At last they seeing the Fryer neere behinde them, for reuerence stood still and made him way: Who as he passed along by them, said: Know ye (Gentlewomen) that the dust of the sheepe is a load-warre to the Woolfe.

A Gentleman came to visit a widow Gentlewoman, and as he entred into the house, he met two Fryers coming forth, and overhearing the Gent. saying to her maid: Ponder Friers smell like Kats: The Gentleman adiopn'd, And happily haue done like Kats.

A Graue Doctor that had ben a long time suter at Rome to the Cardinall of Toledo for a Chanonrie in that church, obtain'd it in the end, and then presently wrote a letter to a friend of his in Toledo, giuing him to vnderstand, that whereas he had all that while gone by and downe like an Ape in the strætes of Rome, without e're a tayle, he should now see him shortly there at Toledo like a Squirrell with tayle ynough. Writ in reference to the long traines that those Channons weare:

A Reuerend Church man being done a secret disgrace vnjustifiable by the partie that did it, and he yet not knowing him, said; Ah poore delight, that makes the Author poore in his head for shame.

 OF DOCTORS AND SCHOLLERS.

IT was a great controuersie in the Uniuersity of Leyden betwene the Philicke & Law Doctors, whether of them should take place foremost at the Commencements: And a merry Chancelor being deputed Judge of the difference, asked them whether at an execution, the fellow or the hangman ought to goe foremost to the gallowes: They all answered, the fellow: Euen so (reply'd the Chancelor) Then y^e Lawyers, goe y^e foremost as th^e ues, & y^e Physicians follow y^e after as hangmen.

One asked a great Cleark how he might doe to become wise: Who answered: In soth (friend) I can hardly resolue you: For you still goe one way, and wiselone another, that I doe not see how you can possibly meete.

A Profound Doctor of Law had neuer in all his life bene aboue thre miles out of Salamanca, where he was both borne and bred vp: And being sent for on a time by a Gentleman dwelling some two daies iourney thence, as concerning his aduice in a waighty matter in Law, and hauing ridden his first daies iourney almost to an end, he then waxed weary, and would no further: But turn'd back againe to Salamanca, saying: I neuer thought the world had bene so great.

There dwelt a graue Law Doctor in Salamanca, and a neighbours childe of his came somewhat early in a morning to craue a little fire of him: Take some my boy (he said) but wherein wilt thou carry it: Pary sir (he answered) thus: And with that he laid a quantity of Ashes vpon the palme of his hand, and the coales thereupon, and so went his way. The Doctor wondred hereat, and sware that with all the learning he had, he could not haue deuised so trimme a sleight.

Punta in Spanish signifies a Size, and also a Kitch. An ignorant Spanish Doctor came to a shoemaker, and bespake a paire of shoes for his sonne: And the shoemaker
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asked him of what Punta, viz. what size: Mary (quoth he) that can I not yet shew you, but I will goe home and see, and bring you word in the afternone: Home he went, and calling for a paire of his sons old shoes, he burript all the stitches thereof, and tolde how many there were of them: And then after dinner he went againe to the shoemaker, and said: My sons shoes are of the 64. Puntas, viz. stitches.

One was telling a Dunsicall Doctor how such a man was a great Scholler, but a very fole; he marvel'd greatly thereat, and said: Well I wot, a man may be unlearned, but how learning may be without a man I cannot imagine.

A Graduate of Salamanca was to ride before a Gentlewoman, and for manners sake would needs haue her get by first, which she refusing to doe, the more he urged her, and would needs haue it so: So absurd was his Schollerly ciuility.

A Countreyman suspecting *Legier de maine* betwene his daughter and a young shepheard, came to a Doctor who was famed for a great sooth-sayer in that country, and presented him a couple of Capons, and told him all his foreshaid iealosse, crauing with all to be forthwith resolved thereupon. Then the Doctor tooke a great booke, and turn'd ouer a many leaues, and made a great mumble to himselfe as seeming to confure: At last taking his spectacles off his nose: he asked the country man both their ages: Who answering that his daughter was fiftene yeares old, and the shepheard thre and twenty. Then the Doctor said: If it be so (friend) byz lady I doe not deny, but it may be so indeed; and so dismiss him.

A Grane Doctor discoursing vnto two vaine Gallants vpon a poynt of naturall Philosophy, and one of them saying, that he vnderstood ne're a word: He answered, No meruaile, for empty bartells neuer sinck downe to the bottom.

One Doctor Villiacbos saying grace before the Emperour Charles, did it silently: Whereunto a vaine Gallant afterward excepting, and saying that it were much better

better if he spake it out: He answered: Spake me but a soile, and I'll speake as long as you: But it will marre the grace quite.

O The Docto^r Mathew a famous Preacher in Salamanca, was a very little man: And one seeing him passe along in the stræte, call'd him in iest, *Minimus Apostolorum*: Which he over-hearing, merily answered; Yet is Mathew *Maximus Euangelistarum*.

O He that had a great good memory, and was very eloquent; and had withall but little learning: An other thus beleeved him, saying: That he had Roke and Spindle enough, but the Deu'll a whit of Parne.

A Maister of Arte (amongst others) baptes the bul with dartes, and traueiling along by the Duke of Infancasgo his scaffold, who knew both him and his little learning, said: And like your Grace the Cuspe of a Darte dulles not litterature: True (answered the Duke) especially his, who hath but a little.

A Olde Docto^r which had bene a Protestant in King Edwards daies, a Papist in Quene Maries, and a protestant againe in Quene Elizabeths, seeing a Lady dance a galliard, commended her dancing exceedingly, and she answered, that she knew she daumt well, onely she could not turne well, meaning his turning from his religion.

A Thinne fire of Cheese was set before a Scholler, who as soone as he saw it, laid his finger vpon his mouth; and being demaunded why he did so: he answered: Least my breath should blow it away.

A Many Schollers went to steale Conies, & by the way they warn'd a nouice among them to make no noise for feare of skarving the Conies away: At last he espyring some, said aloud in Latine: *Ecce cuniculi multi*: And with that the Conies ranne into their berries: wherewith his fellowes offended, and chydng him therefore, he said: Who (the Deuill) would haue thought that Conies vnderstood Latine?

A Reperitor in a Colledge of Coimbria asked a Logick Scholler, *Quid sit prima*? He answered: Foure Cardes of

of foure severall sutes.

A Scholler of Salamanca wrote to his Father to buy him a booke intituled, *Digestum veteris* : And the sillie man return'd him this answer : (Sonne) Vetus me no Verusses, but let it be spanne newe, and therefore doe I here send you twice the price of it : doe buy it your selfe.

A Scholler was commending a Doctors wife (who had sometimes bene a Familiar of their Colledge) asking that she was passing discrete, and of good deportment: Another answered : No marueill if shee be so, hauing a Familiar.

One that had a faire Librarie, and seldome or neuer betooke himselfe to studie, another said vnto him : It seemes that you and your bookes are at truce.

One being asked whether he thought such a man literate or no ? He answered : I, his letters are like plaine song, few and grosse.

The Marques of Antelliana wanted to say, that we rest much bound to good Authoys, because they both diswarne vs from vice, and aduise vs to vertue.

Platon in Spanish signifies a platter, also it is the Spanish name for the great Philosopher Plato : A profound Scholler, and another being in rages, th'other threw a great Platon, viz. a Platter at the Scholler, and soze broke his head : One cunning by in the meane time, and seeing the Scholler so highly disgraced : said to th'other ; You haue done you knowe not what, in misusing so great a Scholler : Th'other answered, Well may he now proue a great Scholler indeed : For well I wot, he hath had a great Platon, viz. a Plato on his head.



OF POETS AND MVSITIONS.

The Earle of Orgas vsed to say that hee is a foole that cannot make a Ballad, and a moze foole that doth make

make a Ballad.

O Pe Garci Sanchez a Spanish Poet, became bestraght of his wits with ouer-much leuitie; And at the time of his distraction was playing vpon a Bandoze. Now, certaine moneths after being partlie come to himselfe againe, he was inuited to play befoze a great magistrate of the towne, and he play'd vpon the selfe same instrument: which after that he had done, he deliuered it vp to the saide Magistrate, saying: So, now am I glad to see thee in the handes of Justice, that wroughte me so much wo.

A Scholler presented a gratulatory new yeare vnto Sir Thomas Moore in prose: And he reading it, and seeing how barraine and sencelesse it was, ask'd him whether he could turne it into verse: He answered yes: With that Sir Thomas Moore deliuer'd it him againe so to alter: who within a two dayes after, came and brought it him all in verse: Which Sir Thomas Moore reading, and noting the rime, said: I marie, nowe is here rime I see, whereas befoze was neither rime noz reason.

O Pe seeing an excellent Poet crooked and deformed of person, said: Lord, what a poore cottage doth ponder good wit inhabit?

A Seruing-man seru'd in a Kids head to his Maisters word, and by the way eat vp all the bzaime of it: Whether vpon his maister asking what was become of the bzaime? He answered: Sir, it is a Pusition-kid.

A Scholler playing on the Bandoze, one requested him to sing thereunto some curious fine song: He then began, *Nominatio, hic, hec, hoc, : Genitio huius, &c.*

O Pe said of Pusitions that they were the happiest craftsmen of all others, because they earn money with making themselves merrie.

A Pusition was offered god exhibition in a Cathed:all Church, and he refused it and went to another place: Verithin a yeare after he came thither againe, hauing his voice much impaired, and there offered his seruice vpon the conditions which he formerly refused. Answer was made: Where you wasted your stile, there got waste your pson.

A Poet

A Poore Knight of small ruenue retain'd a consort of Viols in his house, and asking at dinner time a Gentleman (a guest of his) how he liked of his musicke: He answered: They playe well, onely they want dauncers.

A Portugall had hir'd a Musition to play and sing for him at his Mistresse window: The Musition did so, and sung her a sonnet, whereof part went thus: Faire Mistresse hether am I come for you: Wherefore vouchsafe to pity me now &c. The Portugall war'd ienalous hereat, and all to bombasted the poore fellow, saying: What (villaine) thou come for her, and she to pitie thee: A marie shall she, goe hang thee thou errand knaue.

A Portugall playd musicke at his mistresse window, and he unkindly threw stones at him and drove him away. A friend of his then being with him, and seeing his extreame melancholly thereat; bemon'd him, saying: What greater honour could betide you, then stones to flye about your musicke, and giue it audience as they did to Orpheus?

A Gentleman made musicke at his Mistresses window, and sung her a song which began thus: My secret passions &c. An other Gentlewoman being then in place, and hearing him beginne so, said: Welike your seruant is sicke of the pyles.

A Princes Musition begg'd of his Altez the Captainship of the Castle of Tayle, and it was deny'd him: Whereupon being call'd within a while after to sing befoze the Princesse, he refused to come: Then the Princesse asking a Gentleman that stood by, what the foole av'd: He answered: And like your Highnesse, he hath vow'd neuer to sing more without a Tayle.

One used to say, that a foole and a dauncer differ but in this, That a foole is a foole all his life, and a dauncer but whiles he daunceth.

One hearing th' Organs in a Church vpon a Wednesday in Lent, contrarie to the due of that season, said: That it was like a Bellowe in winter.

A Miser-*Probleman* turn'd away his *Musitions*, & toll'd them the next morning that they were to depart, to come and play him their last farewell under his window: They did so, and when they had all done, he paid them but their bare wages, and so dismiss them. Whereupon one of them at parting said unto him: And like your Honour, so great misery deserves bag-pipes.

A Chanion asked a singing man who had but a shallow beard, how farre his halcke could slye without belles: (meaning that he thought he might strarre but for his singing.) The singing man answered: Euen as farre as yours without his hood: So answered in reference to the hood he wore.

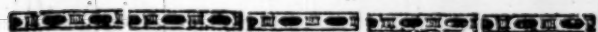
A *Physition* being askt his opinion of *musitions*, said: *fire* were a comfort, *fine Musitions*, *four* *Fidlers*, & *thys* rogues.

A Gentleman being lame of his legges, yet playing rarely well on the *Virginals*, a friend of his hearing him play, said: Sir, you doe not play, so well as you were wonte, he answered, foole dost thou not know that I am lame?

A Gentleman that plaid verie well vpon the *Vandoze*, and had but a badde voyce, play'd and sung in an *Euen*ing under his *Mistresse* window, and when he had done, ask'd her how she liked his musicke: She answered: You haue playd very well, and you haue sung to.

A *Polde Piper* bled to say: If my auditoys will hoto much I delight my selfe in the musicke I make them, they would rather looke that I should giue them somewhat, then they giue me.

A *Wore Musitions* hose hung loosely about him so want of *poyns*, and playing on a time vpon a *Vandoze* before a many Gentlemen, he did it very well, and to all their good likings: whereupon one of them said merrily unto him, Faith (fellow) playing so many good *poyns* vpon thy *Instrumēt* as thou dost, bestow one vpon thy hose. He answered: Your worship having found that *poyn*, I beseech you bestow it vpon me.



OF PHYSICKE AND PHYSITIONS.

A Graue phisicke Doctoꝝ reading by candle light the secrets of Nature, and finding among other thinges that a large and a broad beard betokens a soele. He straight tooke the candle in one hand, and a looking glasse in th'other, and began to view what manner of beard his owne was. Now, holding the candle ouer nere: The flame set it on fire, and burnt it halfe off. Then all in a chafe throwing downe the glasse, he tooke pen and inke, and wrote in the margine of his secret, *Probatum est.*

A Tintner had taken in thre or foure hogheads of good wine, and seeing a Physition passe along, he fill'd an Urinall halfe full of it, and shew'd it him for a sicke mans water. The Physition viewing it, and tasting it by and doونه a good space, at the last he said: That the patient whose water that was, was full of bad humours, and had neede to be purg'd and let blond; You Duns (answered the Tintner) it is good piss, and with that dranke it cleane off, and when he had done, threw the Urinall at the Doctoꝝs head.

A Bad Painter that neuer drew good picture in all his life, found small thrift in his trade for want of utterance of his rude shapcs, and went to dwell in another place where he was not knowne, and there tooke vpon him the practise of Physicke, and was the death of many a one: At last an acquaintance of his, comming to that towne, chanc'd to see him, and asking him what he made in a Physitions robe, and why he had giuen ouer his olde trade? He answered: Faith, I am now become as you see, to the end the earth may bury all my ignorance and errors hereafter.

A Solde Gentlewoman was ouer carefull of her sonnes health, who was not greatly diseased, and said to the Physition: I marueill (p. Doctoꝝ) that you chere by my
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sonne no more, I pray you phisicke him daintily that hee may be well againe and walke abroad : Whereunto the Doctoꝝ answered : Giue him then two Feather-beds more.

A Delicate Gentleman being somewhat sickish, sent often foꝝ the Physitian to come to him, and one moꝝning he sent foꝝ him purposely to come feele his pulse : The Doctoꝝ came and felt it, and the Gentleman then said vnto him : How say yee (maister Doctoꝝ) doth not my pulse beat very softly : Yes Sir, (answered the Doctoꝝ) He that rides on an Ass, must needs go faire and softly.

A Physitian sent foꝝ a Farrier to cure his Horse of the Bots, and after he had done, the Doctoꝝ offered him two Billings, which the Smith refused, saying : We fellow craftsmen vse not to take money of one another.

One ask'd a Physitian what was the reason, that when one passeth Doctoꝝ of Physicke, they put him on gliste spurres, and create him a Gentleman : He answered merrily : To warre face health.

A Seruingman carrying his Maisters water, to Doctoꝝ Burker, it was his chance to spill it, and being in a maze what to doe, he espi'd a Cowe pissing, to whome he ran presently, and got some of her water, into his byrnall, and brought it to the Physitian, who looking vpon it, said : Sir tell your Maister he eateth to many greene sallades.

The Spaniardes call the seauen starres the 7. Goates : There was a Physicke Doctoꝝ in Salamanca, whose Father was a rich Countrey swaine, and lou'd his flesh aboue any other meate ; This swaine died, and this Doctoꝝ his some comming to his funerall, his brothers requested him to tell them by his skill in Astrologie what was become of their Fathers soule : Foꝝth then hee went in the Euening, and cast his eye toward the seauen Goates, and finding the full number of those Starres, hee sigh'd, and said : Dere bretheren so it is, that I feare me our Father is damned, foꝝ were he ascended into Heauen, out of doubt he had by the way deuoured some foure oꝝ five of yonder Goates (pointing to the Starres) so well he
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lou'd Soates flesh in his life time (as y^e all knowe) But behold, ponder may you see the full number of seauen syll: Wherefore I greatly feare he is either descended into hell, or els is gone to heauen some far way about.

Doctor Parra a Spanish Physition came to visit his Patient Don Garcia Manrique, the Duke of Nazareth his sonne: the Dukes Puliter being also sicke at the same time: They asking him what dyet they should giue them: He answered: Giue Don Garcia halfe a chicken, and the Puliter a pound and a halfe of Beefe.

A Gentleman saying to an vblearned Physition: Whether a wayes maister Horse leach, whether trudge you so fast: He answered, to cure your Worship.

Ope compared Physitions to Hawkes, which if they kill but Partridges, are valued not about thirty crownes: If Duckes and Mallards at fifty: If Herons at two hundred. So Physitions, if they kill but Clownes and Peasants, are not greatly esteemed: If Gentlemen or Knights, they are reasonable: But if they kill Lords or great States, then are they great Clearkes, and highly accompted of.

A Physition being asked what might bee the reason of the stone and Stranguillion in men: He answered: Ipye vpon false Pillers that greynde with such grauellie Quearnes.

A Physition comming to sale a Ladies pulse, and thinking to doe it mannerly, as though (forsooth) he were vnwozthy to touch her, dyed her smock sleue ouer her wrist, and so felt it.

A Physition riding ouer Shooters hill in Kent was afraid of Thieues, and by chance saw a farre off a troope of people afoze him. Whereupon he bid his man ride towards them, to discouer what they were: Meane time he hid himselfe close behinde a bush. The fellow comming vnto them, vnderstood that they conducted a murderer to execution: Whereupon (being a mad knaue) he straigh set spurres to the Horse, and galloped backe againe amaine toward his maister, still beckning vnto him all the way as he posted, to be gone, and thift for himselfe: Which the Doctor perceiuing,

perceiuing, away he flinges backe againe towards London, as though he had had a deuill at his taile: and being alighted at his Inne, he there attended his mans coming: Who effsones ariued, all panting, and blowing, said vnto him: Happy you (maister) that are so well escaped; Gogs nohmes hee to be hang'd for killing onely one man: what would they haue done with you (I trowe) who haue slaine so many in your dayes?



OF IUSTICES, LAWYERS, and Scriveners.

A Fellow being condemned to die, said to the Judge: I summon you to appeare within 30. dayes at the Tribunal of God, to answer the iustice you haue done me, and see you faile not hereof. The Judge hereat smil'd, and said to one that stood by: I pray you appeare for me at that day, for (I assure you) I haue so much businesse now in hand, that I shall not be able to dispatch so soone.

A Presumptuous Fellow being brought to the bar, tolde the the Judge he look'd like Pilate: Whereunto the Judge answered, At leastwise I will not wash my handes with Pilate to condemne so very a barlet as thou.

A Abbot disclaiming before a Iustice of the tempezzall lawe, and saying hee was to be try'd by the Cleargie, and not by the Layety: The Iustice straight willed his Hule to be sear'd vpon for the Plaintiffes debt, and then answered: At leastwise (Father) your Hule is of the Layety.

R Onquillio a Spanish Iustice vsed to say: That it is good to hang a theefe of what age soeuer he be: A younge theefe to th'end he may steale no more, and an olde theefe for his former thefts.

The Marques of Santilliana commended Iustice, because it winnes good men to applaud it, & Clemency bad men.

In a towne in the Low-countries a Spanish prisoner scap'd out of prison downe by a ladder, which was priuily conuay'd vnto him by a wench which bore him good will in that towne, & yet neuerthelesse it was his hap to be taken againe: And being arraigned for the fact, it was euident that such his breach of prison was chiefly for the wenches sake: Whereupon Graue Maurice (sitting then vpon the bench) merrily said vnto him: Is it possible thou couldest not get vp vpon her without a ladder? and so pardon'd him.

A Lawyer had wasted much money about a stone building, which was so ill contriu'd, as euery man accompted his expence vaine. A Clyent of his came to him for his aduice in a matter of Law, and he being at that present in a chafe with his workemen, said vnto him: Pou doe this and that, and I know not what, and all of your owne head, and then you blame the Lawyer for all: The Clyent hereunto answered: Sir my oversight in this case is but slight, but yours is of lime and stone.

On comming to a lawyer for his aduice in law without ere a fee; The Lawyer said vnto him: How will you haue your Lampe burne, without Oyle?

Certaine countrymen came to a Lawyer to know his opinion in this case; namely, whether if they and the whole parish, being able to proue that their Curate kept a wench, he might be deposed from his Cure, & another put in his place. The Doctor then asked them, whether the wench were of that parish or a stranger: They answered: a stranger of such a place, and named where. Euen so (reply'd the Doctor) faith tell me then (sirs) you knowing your Curate to be a man of such a disposition, doe you not thinke it more tollerable that he keepe a Lasse of a strange place, rather then of your owne parish?

An olde woman had a shee-Asse which she loued passing well, because both at Mill and at Parket it had done her much good service a long time: This olde woman dying, willed her Executors to let this Asse liue the remainder of her dayes in rest and peace from all manner labour and paines, and all the day long to runne at pasture, and euery night

night to be allowed a pecke of Dates: This to continue during the naturall life of the said Ass. And to this effect, she bequeathed a portion of money to be disposed of from time to time for the Ass, and so died. Shortly after the Ass died also: then the olde woman's sonne (who had a Colt of the aforesaid Ass) finding that the Ass at her death time had left a good quantitie of her allowance in Dates unpent, which he lawfully demaünding of the executors, they denide to deliuer him: He therupon came to a graue Doctor in law to haue his aduise in the case: Wherunto the Doctor in full notice of all the matter, thus resolu'd him. viz. That he might lawfully enter his action against the foresaid Executors for the Dates: Because both he himselfe was heire vnto his mother, as also his Colt (to whose vse he was chiefly to pretend it) was the other Asses naturall issue & heire apparant. This was the Law-Doctors sage opinion vpon this text, which he concluded, he would warrant for good law.

Ope telling an honest Gentleman that he doubted not but his friend would speake well in the Law matter, hauing so good a purse, and so great friends. The Gent answered: If that be all your hope, the more is the pittie.

Apprentice in the Lawe whose name was Berisforde hauing studied out his full time, and now standing to be called to the bar, did vsually write for his poesie *Si non tamen*, Which another Latouer seeing, came and added to his *Si non* Barister, and to his *tamen*, Berisforde.

A Great Sergeant at the lawes, in this land being at supper with a Gentleman who had a *Nisi prius* to be tryed the next day, the Gentleman in discourse told him his case, and the Sergeant made it to be most cleere on the Gentlemans side, but when it came to hearing, this Sergeant was retained against the Gentleman and the matter went cleere against him: whereupon the Gentleman told the Sergeant, Sir you were not of this opinion yester night, Sir (said the Sergeant) I at my supper talks for my recreation, but in this place for my fee.

Aldow Gentlewoman in King Henry the 7. dayes, gaue the Fasant for her cognizance, and one Cooke her

her aduersary Attoyn in Law, said at the bar in disgrace of her cause, that he doubted not ere he had done, but he would thronghly plume her Feasant, and make it a poze bird: the Gentlewoman answered: Then is it great pittie so faire a bird should fall into so foule a Cooks handling.

Two Lawyers met the next day after the Tearme, and th'one said vnto th'other: I am sure you carry full bags downe with you into the country, hauing made so good a haruest of this Tearme: Not so (answered the other) rather doe I thinke you haue: For your bags (I dare say) are so top full of fees, that when you throw them downe vpon the world, they make no sound at all as mine doe: Th'other reply'd, then belike I haue the ods of you in money, and you of me in musicke.

A Great Lawyer loosing his money at Cardes, was in a pelting chase, and by chance a friend of his comming in and marueiling to see him so teastie: The Lawyer said, I doe but canuasse the error of this action.

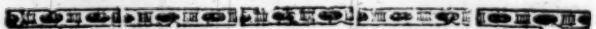
The Emperour Charles at his first entrie into Toledo, tooke an oath (according to the prerogative of that place) to preferue and secure vnto the Citizens all their aunient rites and priuiledges inuolable: which after he had swozne, and that the towne publike Notarie had ingrossed it of record: The said Notarie then said vnto him, If your Maiestie please to performe what you haue here swozne, God blesse you: If not, God incline your heart that you may, and blesse you neuerthelesse.

A Young Scriuener read a bill of sale to his maister, and the words went thus: Be it knowne vnto all men to whome this bill shall come or appertaine, that J, A B. of such a place, doe by these presents passe, graunt, giue, & make ouer vnto C D. of such a place, all my landes and possessions lyng and being in such a place, for the summe of so much money already in hand receiued: And hereat he paused a while to spette: Whereat his surly Maister (halfe angry and teaily) said: On, on with a mischiefe: Then the fellow proceeded, and read: Namely, to you and your heires, and to all that shall or may hereafter issue from them, and theirs

theirs to the worlds end.

A Scriuener was writing a Merchants last will & testa-
ment: In which the Merchant expressed many debts
that were owing him, which he will'd his Executors to take
vp, and dispose to such and such vses. A kinsmen of this
Merchants then standing by, and hoping for some good thing
to be bequeath'd him, long'd to heare some good newes to
that effect, and said vnto the Scriuener, hagh, hagh, what
saith my vnckle now? Doth he now make his Paundies? So
(answered the Scriuener) he is yet in his demaunds.

The end of the second part of this booke.



Wits, Fits, and Fancies.

The third part.

OF LOVE AND LOVERS.

A amorous Ass perfum'd his loue letter to
his mistresse, and fearing least she should neg-
lect how sweete it was, wrote in a post-script,
vnderneath: I pray you (mistresse) after you
haue read this letter, smell to it.

A Widow Gentlewoman hearing a young Noblemans
discourse vnto her of the marriageable loue he bare her
daughter, and she obiecting that she was too meanly dis-
cended to be wise to so great a Lord as he: He answered: A
more matter is loue then Lordship.

A Gentleman seeing a faire Gentlewoman at a window,
he bolted & carrabetted vpon his horse a good space be-
foze her, & at last atway he pzanced: Anon after he came that
way againe, and did as befoze, and so continued a good while:
At last he departed for good and all, and being come home
he sent her two bottles of Dyrge-water by his Page:
Which

Which the Gentlewoman accepting, said vnto the Page: Now, I pray thee (my Lad) thanke thy maister, and tell him that I thought his euening winde would turne to water.

A Spaniard going to a female house in Antwerp, was demanded by a friend of his, whether he went: Who answered: To practise vpon a sinner in th' act of charity.

Celestina is a dainty pastozall loue-booke in Spanish, and it signifieth Celestiall; A Scholler coming to visite his mistresse, she desired him to helpe her to the said Celestina: Who answered: Pour selfe being the Originall, what would you doe with the translation?

Fente in Spantish signifies a Fountaine: Two Gentlemen came to visite a Gentlewoman, whose Paramour was one Senior Fuente: They walking in the hall together, one of them said: Lord what a fresh house is this, I haue not come in a fresher: Wh'other answered: No meruaile, for it hath a Fuente in it: viz. a fountaine.

A Gent. had stolne a faire Paide away downe at a window, and a kinswoman of his asked him how they had the harts to venture so dangerously: He answered: Our loues were so ardent, that had we not conuaid our selues out at the window for ayre, we had quite consum'd one another.

A Gentlewoman went to Church so concealed, that she thought no body could know her: It chanced that her Louer met her, and knewe her, and spake vnto her: Sir (she answered) you mistake me, how know ye me: All too well (reply'd the Gentleman) for so soone as I met you, behold my wounds fell fresh a bladding: Wh' hereof you onely are guilty.

One asked a Scholler how a man ought to demean himselfe in his first loues to his Mistresse: He answered: Tell her once that you loue her, and then let the Deuill worke the rest.

A Gent. said vnto a Gentlewoman: Faire Mistresse, long haue I lon'd you, and till now haue alwaies bene abash't to declare you my loue: Alas good sir (she answered) in sooth had you tolde mee your loue euen at the first, you had hazarded to lose no more then you doe at this present.

A Gentleman boze certaine Gentlewomen in hand, how that by his skill in palmestry he could tell them all their fortunes: A Gentlewoman of the company, to whome hee was perticularly deuoted, then reacht forth her hand, to see what iudgement he would giue vpon it: Who after he had view'd it a good while, in the end said vnto her. In sooth all my fortunelyes in your hand.

A Ladie hauing many seruants, asked an olde Wldame how shee should vse them that she might still retaine them: And the Wldoe answered: Vse them as Adam as you doe your smocks (hauing much change) change often: Yet weare you but one at once.

A Gentleman had bene a long time suter to a Gentlewoman, who still rewarded his loue but with scozne and disdaine: Neuerthelesse hee boze himselfe still a suter vnto her: And playing musicks on a time vnder her window, she gaue him the hearing a while, and at last threw a wispe of straw at him in derision: Hee not greatly offended thereat, said: Of a bad pay-maister better yet take strawe then nothing.

A Young Gentleman being preferred a great mans daughter in marriage, deliberated many moneths vpon the matter. And being asked why hee so long delayed his consent, answered: The affaire which is to be done but once for euer, ought to be largely thought vpon.

A Gent. was a suter to a faire Gentlewoman, and coming in an afternone to court her, he found her then at Cards with another Gent. whom he had in iealousie of a coriuall: And within a while she said: See, see (I pray) what bad cards he deals me: he answered: Lady receiue them not.

A Portugall wouted to say, that fine loue consists onely in talking, dauncing and feasting with faire Ladies, the rest Alles can doe as well as men.

A Mayd was cheapening somewhat at a Habberdashers shop and as they were ielling together, she asked him who was his mistresse: With that the Habberdasher tooke downe a looking glasse, and held it befoze her, and said: Loe there may you see her, if you please.

HAlfe a sole went a wooing, and by the way hee seemed verie penſiue and full of muſes : Certaine his companions that met him and knew his errand, one of them ſaid vnto the reſt : He thinkes (Surres) Maſter R. goes verie ſollemnly a wooing : Hee thinkes belike (answered another) what ſolerie to ſpeake firſt vnto his Miſtreſſe : Hee neede not doe ſo (adioyned the third) for in a Kitchin well burniſh'd, ſupper is ſone furniſh'd.

A Maid of fifty yeares ſtanding was proffer'd to a young Gentleman in marriage, with a great portion, and beſides that ſhe was ſo olde, ſhee was withall yll fauoured. Moreover it was his good hap vpon a time to haue a ſight of her bare leg, as ſhe alighted off her Horſe, and ſhe ſaid that it was nothing but ſkin and bone, and as yello w as a Bytcs ſote. At the very ſame time was alſo proffered him a very faire young Maide in marriage of an eightene yeares olde, but her portion ſimple and ſmall : Heuertheleſſe this young Gallant choſe her, and reſuſed the other : And being demaunded why he did ſo : hee answered : I view'd the figure belowe, and ſawe that there remained good 18.

A Faire Gentlewoman caught a flea vpon the belly part of her kirtle, and ſaid : Why how now flea : What, fleas ſo bolde in winter : Her ſuter then ſtanding by answered : It is all ſummer there alwaies.

One asked an ill-fauour'd widdow why ſhe did not marrie : ſhe answered : Becauſe if any marrie mee, it will be rather for my goods, then for my owne ſake, and then will he be to me not a kinde husband, but onely as a friend, or a well-willer.

A Widdow Gentlewoman who had buried her very kind husband, being perſwaded to marrie againe, ſhe answered : The death of a deare husband ought not to diſannull the loue of a chaſte wife.

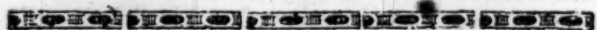
A Sharp dame in diſdaine of her ſuter, ſent him this meſſage : Whoer'e ſhall be my husband, muſt haue theſe foure ſces. viz. Hee muſt be ſage, ſole, ſecrete, ſolations : Whereunto her ſuter return'd her this answer againe : And who euer ſhall be my wife, muſt be none of theſe foure

Cæs. viz. Common, crooked, curst, carelesse.

A Reuerend Licentiate at lawe was a suter to a faire Gentlewoman, and shee scorning him, still returned him tart and squeamish quippes : Whereupon a time he said vnto her : Gentlewoman, you greatly forget your selfe to iniure me so highly, considering both my honest loue towards you, as also my grauity, who am (as you know) a Licentiat in Law. Whereunto she answered. Vaning lost the game, plead you now for leauings?

A Gentleman comming to visite his friend soze lone, sicke a bad, and desiring to know his so cruell mistresse: He answered : Oh (Sir) Bereft of blisse a Weldame caused this.

A Young Gentleman vieing ouer-curiously a Parcharnts faire wife, by chance a vertuous kinsman of his came by, and noting it, said vnto him : That which cannot be lawfully coueted, ought not to be curiously regarded.



OF HUSBANDS AND WIVING.

A Spright appear'd to one by night, and miserably amazed him : Yet in the end being somewhat reuiu'd from feare, he thus bespake it : If thou be God or any of his good Angells, I know thdu wilt not hurt me: And if thou be the Demill or his Dame, I likewise hope no lesse, because I haue married thy siter : Meaning his shrewd wife.

A Seruingman was a suter to a maides dishonesty, who asked him, whether he meant to marrie her yea, or no? He answered : No, For that better could he affoord her shates, then ruffes.

A Faire young wife asking her unkinde kind-husband the cause of his iealouſie : He answered : Faith (wife) not in respect that I any whit distrust thy true and loyall loue towards me, but because I see all the world ouer-loueth thee:

thee : So that though I dare trust thee with all the world, as being my most true turtle doue ; yet dare I not trust all the world with thee, because thou art all too faire, and men ouer loue thee.

The Earle of Orgas was wont to say, that who so subiecteth himselfe to his wiues supremacy, doth all one as if he fed with his fate, and march'd on his hands.

A Duke being highly offended with his slaue, would haue hang'd him, but at last aduising vpon a worse torment (as he thought) said : So, hanging is all too easie a death, I leaue him to a whoze.

One asked an acquaintance of his, whether he were yet a married man or no : he answered : What, an Ape clogg'd vp in a chimney corner : Faith no.

In a plague time a Constable passing by his neighbours house, and hearing his wife soze lamming him, that night he set vp a red crosse vpon his doze, whereat the neighbour the next morning highly offended, toze it downe, and complained to the Alderman of the ward of the high iniury the Constable had therein done him : who being presently sent for, thus he answered the matter : And like your Worship, his wife soze beate him yesterday, and I thinke there cannot be a greater plague in a house then that, and therefore I did it.

A Musition singing vnder a Gentlemans window, The faire wife proou'd a shrewe, &c. The Gentleman fraight arose from out his bed, and looking out at the window, said vnto him : The faire wife you speake of, well may you goe seeke her else where, for here she is not : but as for the shrewe, she is here a bed with me.

Don Antonio Siluio a Venetian Gentleman, was the first that ere inuented the Locke : Ala more de fica for a womans counting house, and being by one of his friends demanded the reason of his crueltie to Locke by his wiues thing : answered, haue you euer knowne a treasure without a Locke.

An old Gentleman had prouided a wife for the wisakre
his sonne, to whome he gaue in great charge, during
the

the bydall time not to speake any one word for feare the Brides friends should happily discover his folly: So all dinner time there sate the wise Gentleman silly silent (God knowes) not forgetting to vse his chappes more then his tong: At last the Brides friends perceiuing such his foolish silence, whispered his disgrace in one anothers eare, and soe he scouted him. Amongst the rest, one of them said to his next commensall: Questionlesse the Bridegrome is a iolly wise young Gentleman, see how solemnly he sits, and I warrant you he thinks vpon some waighty matter: He over-hearing this, loudly said vnto his father there present: Sir, well may I now be bold to speake, for that (I see) they haue now discovered me.

O He aduise'd his friend to chuse his wife rather with his eares, then with his eyes.

A Paide was proffered to one in marriage, and her friends were offended that the party so long paus'd vpon the choise; Whereunto he answered: Is she foule: then is she odious: Is she faire: then is she hard to keepe: These be the extreames I muse vpon.

O He wanted to say, that to a peaceable life in marriage it were meete the husband were deafe, and the wife blinde.

A Faire woman toke an ill-fac'd man to husband, & her beauty still more and more increased: A pleasant Gent. noting it, said: That he neuer in all his life saw an Apple in a Cowshare continue so long vnrotted.

O He vs'd to say, that the best choise of a wife is by Arithmeticke.

A Span of worship married a poore mans daughter, and certaine of his friends questioning with his brother what portion her friends gaue with her: he answered: To fast with bread and water.

A Bridegrome said vnto his spouse: When as at such a time I solicited thy chastity, hadst thou then condiscended, I should neuer had lou'd thee after, neither had wee beene now man and wife, for I did it purposely to trie thee: He answered, Faith I thought as much, but such a one taught

taught me more wit then so, seauen yeares agoe.

A Whetwif wife chid her husband out of doores, and he stepping forth into the street, stumbled with his nose into the Kennell, and at rising vp againe, he said: Better here yet then within doores.

A Man had a Whetwif wife, and he one day broke her head, the cure wherof cost him deere expence afterward: In somuch that his wife in regarde thereof, said on a time vnto her Gossips: Faith my husband will not dare giue me no more broken heads in hast, considering how deare he findes them in the cure. Her husband hearing of such her bzances, sent the next day for the Surgeons and Apothecaries, and in her presence paid them all their bills, and gaue ech of them twenty shillings ouer and aboue saying: Hold this (Sirs) against the next time.

O He vs'd to say, that the father giues the portion, but God the good wife.

Two young men were suiters to a rich mans daughter, the one was rich, the other pooze, and he bestow'd her vpon the pooze suiter: Being demanded why he did so, he answered: Because the pooze batcheller is wise, and may repaire his liuing in time, but th'other a foole, and like to bring all to nought.

O He wanted to say, that the greatest pleasure a married man can haue, is the hope he hath to burie his wife shortly, whereby to become a new suiter to another.

A Great personage but olde withall, married a faire yong Maide in a manner perforce, & against her friends good willes: Whereupon one merrily descanted and said: That he married her perforce, and she him sans force:

In Spaine it is lawfull to marrie by Attozney. One sought his deare friend to marrie a faire maide in his absence to his vse, affirming that they were already prouide contracted before witness: his friend (with Licence of the Church first obtained) did so: And after the marriage ended, he and the Bride sate downe together in a pew: And he spake neuer a word vnto her: which the neighbours maruelling at, asked him why he was so strange to the Bride:

he answered: *W*ill haue I leaue to wed her for my friend, but not to speake the first follie vnto her: That's his right, and he must haue it.

A Louing wife said vnto her husband as she lay a dying: *D*eere husband, you that are voyde of all sinne, I beseech you pray for me.

*O*ne asked a young Gentleman, what he meant to marry so deafe a Gentlewoman: he answered: *B*ecause I hope she was also dumbe.

*O*ne enueighing against such as chose their wiues chiefly for beautye, said: *T*hat such manner of wiues after the first fire moneths, are foule to their husbands, and faire to all other men.

*O*f one that had married a foule woman with a rich portion, another said: that he took her merly by waight, without fashion.

*O*ne Ducker a fat marchant was held among his neighbours vnable in generation, and his fine wife being on a time in conuersation among her gossip, and talking of big husbands, she said: *A*nd I for my part (thanks be to God) haue Ducket ynough (as you all knowe) and yet I assure you, he is too light by two graines.

*O*ne asking his neighbour how elde his wife was: he answered: *H*er marke is not yet out.

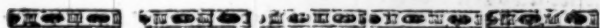
*O*ne wonted to say: *I*f your wife bid you throw your selfe out at a window, pray God that it be not farre to the ground.

A Gardiner being to be hang'd, his wife came to giue him her last kisse at the gallows: to whom he said, *R*ie on thee (baggage) thus are we like to thrive well at the yeares end: there cannot be a meeting in all the countrey, but still thou wilt be sure to make one: *H*ome and weed, home and weed with a very vengeance.

*T*he Admirall of Castile said: that who so takes a wife, is like a Souldiour that goes to the warres, to oppose himselfe against all encounters.

*O*ne hearing a curst husband threatening his shrewd wife: that vntesse she held her tongue he would beat her with

With his dagger, said vnto him : If you beate her with the dagger, she'll beat you with the scabberd.



OF WOMEN.

One demaunded of a Physitian, why men still sue to women, and women neuer to men : He answered : Because women are alwaies ready for men, and men not alwaies for women.

One asked a Gentlewoman, why other females for the most part resist the male in generation, and onely women most gently yelde vnto it : She answered : Because women are no beasts.

A Gentlewoman greatly importuning a plaine Countryman to deliuer his opinion what seasons he thought a woman fittest for a man : In th'end (after many curtesies and much a doe) he answered : In soth (Mistresse) when soeuer a man is ready for a woman.

A vnciuill Captaine wanted to say that he loued a woman and his chamber-pot alike, neither of both but for his ease.

A Payden came to an olde Grocer to buy some virgin-war: The Grocer at that instant was pounding spice in a mortar, then thus hee answered : Holde here (faire maid) this pessill if you please : But as for virgin war, the Deuill a whit haue I had this many a day.

A Gentleman comming to a marchants house, the Dogeue at him at the doore, and he with his dagger smit off his taile : The good wife hercat was testie, and refused the Gentleman in tearmes, whereupon he said : Why woman it is not a dogges taile can serue your turne.

A Gentlewoman being demaunded whether she loued her sons, or her daughters best: she answered, her daughters
A Gentleman that stood by then, said: He thinkes, God hauing made you a Carrier, you should loue a pack-nadle well.

A Woman in her anger said, what (I pray yee) doe you doubt of my honestie? So (answered the other) for it neuer stood in my way.

A Paide had swallowed a dramme too much, not knowing she was with childe, but felt a paine in her bellie, and carried her water to a Physitian, complaining to him of the griefe; Who answered, Wee of good chère (wench) for Ile warrant thee within these fewe monethes you shall haue the cause of your paine in your armes.

A Gentleman seeing a Gentlewoman garter her stockings in the streete, said Gentlewoman you haue a good leg, Sir (said she) I haue two: Then said he be they twiues? not so (said she) for there was a man bozne betwene.

A Gentleman hauing choise of 2. sisters, which he would make his wife, seeing the one to be passing faire, the other inclining to a little blacknes, fell in loue with the faire one, whil' st the black one fell also in loue with him: So that on a day the Gentleman being toying and kissing, with his faire Mistresse, at which the blacke wench much griued, she tooke her Diamond from her finger, and wrot in a glasse window. *Te tam formosam non pudet esse leuem*: The faire wench seeing her sister, writing and knowing her tealosie, ranne to the window and read the verse: Whereupon instantly she tooke another Diamond, and wrot underneath: *Te non formosam non inuit esse leuem*.

A Gentlewoman hearing a Gentleman (whom the world helde to be passing vnchristie and full of waste vices) talking both foolish and prophainely, she said, how much is the world decei'd in you, that reputes you an vnchristie, when I see you are a most excellent husband: For you will neuer spend your wit, and your wordes at one instant.

A vnchaste woman of life was commending a mans honestie to his face in honest company: Hee disdainning such her praise, as proceeding from a woman of her infamy, said: I hope I was neuer dishonest with you, that you should thus commend me before all this good companie.

King Edward the fourth was wont to say, that a womans greatest difficulty is, to hold her peace.

A Gentleman

A Gentleman requested a thing of an bachel^r Gentle^r woman : and she answered : Faith Sir no, had I a hundred things, you should not haue one of them : Say you so (reply'd the Gentleman) I know the time when hauing but one onely thing, you let a hundred vse it.

A Pincontinent Widge thinking her marriage day ouerlong, and longing for night, saide vnto her gossip. Now, would God it were euen now night, or els that I were vnmarrried againe.

A Chollericke person and a woman were a chiding together, and by chance an acquaintance of his came by: Who said vnto him : Lord, what ayle ye to chide so with that woman, I know her of olde, she is too hard a match for you : He answered : Then a Gods name, let her chide with Saint Peter, S. Martin, Bristol, Yorke, London, and not with me.

One vsed to say : Who so hath a daughter but twentie yeares olde, well may he bestow her vpon her bet^r, if 25. vpon her equall, if aboue 25. then vpon whoso^euer list to haue her.

A Rich man had a daughter aboue 30. yeares olde, who found herselfe greatly agréued that he had not all that while prouided her a husband. Upon a time he inuited to dinner to him his five sonnes, who were all married in the same towne: Now this stale maide, their sister, then hop'd that such their meeting was purposely to determine vpon a good husband for her, but it fell out otherwise : For after that dinner was done, the Father said thus vnto them; (Sonnes) I haue bid you all to dinner to day, to the end that euery of you resolu^e me, where you mean to be buried when you die, or whether you thinke it not best, that I build a tombe for vs all together: Now let me heare your good ad^uises in this behalfe: Then the eldest sonne said: For my part (Father) I desire to be buried in the parish Church where I chance to dye, and so the rest in a rowe all as they thought good. At last when they had all saide, the Father turn'd him about to his daughter, and asked her where she would be buried: She answered: Faith no where (Father)

for I am like to die desperate; and so; such as die so, well you wot, the Church allowes them no buriall at all.

A Young Gentlewoman that went for a virgin, and was none, being child: shee, the Physition ask'd her where her greatest griefe lay: shee answered: He thinks I seale my heart bounce against my belly.

A Perrie Water-man said vnto a Gentlewoman as hee ferried her ouer the water; My boat (Mistresse) hath a leake iust where as you sit, yet feare not a Gods name, for there's no amisse, but may be amended.

O He in wangle with a woman gaue her the lye: Another that stood by them answered: Why, women are best when they lye.

O He enticing another mans wife to vnlawfull lust: She said: All the while I was a maid I obey'd my parents, and nowe that I am a wife I obey my husband: Wherefore if your request be honest and reasonable, goe moue it to my husband.

A Fair Gentlewoman was married away by her friends to an ill fac'd and a crooked person: And a kind woman of hers comming to comfort her on a time, she said: As for friends (counien) it is mete that they be gallant Gentlemen, but as for Husbands, we must take them as we finde them.

A Potable lew'd Gentleman saying to a Gentlewoman that he lou'd her as his soule: Shee answered, I had rather you said, you lou'd me as your body.

A Gentleman being booted and spur'd ready to take horse, came to take his leaue of his mistresse, who answered: Well may you aske mee leaue for the next time, for at this time you haue taken it of your selfe.

A Great widdow Countesse in England hauing had two husbands, and being ask'd why she would not haue the third: answered: That the first marriage was honorable, the second tollerable, but the third abhominable.

A Theban Lady hauing slaine one of Alexanders best souldiours, was aduindg'd to die, both her and her whole familie, wherupon first was executed befoze her face, her childzen, at which she saued not to be moued, in the end
came.

came her deare companion Campaspe to dye, whose death when she sawe, she fell into an infinite passion of teares, and acclamation: at which Alexander ask'd her why with such patience she tooke the death of her children, and with such griefe the death of a stranger? she answered: that the death of her children had made an intire impostume of her whole body, so that no passage was able to vtter it, till the pittie for her friend came and laun'd it, making it overflowe in such immeasurable fashion.

One asking Aufonius whether there might be a good woman? for he answered yes, when an euill thing is made good.

A Gentlewoman in extremitie of labour, swore that, if it pleas'd God she might escape death for that once, she would neuer in all her life after hazard her selfe to the like danger againe; but being at last safely deliuered, she then said to one of the midwives: So, now put out the holy candle, and keepe it till the next time.

A Gentleman taking his leaue of his mistresse, said: I kisse your hands and your fate: She answered, for get not (I pray) the station betweene.

One saying to a woman, Upon my soule doe this: She answered: Take downe some other pawne, for that's forfeited already.

A olde Gentlewoman sent her daughter in law a bore of preserves, who tasting thereof said: Lord, how sowre is this Sugre? So said, in reference belike that it came from a mother in law.

Two courtualls to a Paids dishonestie, drew and fought vnder the window: and she looking out said: Sirres, you mistake, your quarrell is not to be ended with Steele, but with golde and siluer.

A lasciuious dame conuersing among her Gossips, alluded thus cunningly to her husbands ingeneratiuenesse, saying: In sooth my husband (thanks be to God) hath many good parts in him, he is a good Position, he wytes well, and he can cast an accompt no man better, save only that he cannot multiplie.

A n old woman seeing the Bride her daughter vnarray
her selfe fearefully to bedward, as who should say: Lord,
is this the last houre of my mayden-head: She said vnto
her: Faith (Daughter) and if it pleas'd God, would I were
to abide all thy paines to night.

A Gentleman saying to a young Gentle woman, who had
beene five yeares a wife, and neuer had any childe:
I greatly maruell that your belly yeares not: She answer-
ed: How, would you haue aire puffe vp my belly, hauing
none in my head: She taxed herein her husbands insuffici-
encie.

O ne asking another what was the reason that such a
Gentlewoman being but a poore widdow had so many
faire maids in her seruice: th'other answered: Because
Moaſtweedes them fre scope, as Hanniball did to his Sould-
iours at Capna.

A Gentle woman disdaining her suter, said vnto him: A
woman of my calling to loue so base a Groome as your
Paſterſhip, Faith Sir no: He answered, Yes, the rather
for my baseneſſe, for that women are like Woodcocks, that
commonly prey vpon the basest carrion.

O ne being asked why he enuighed so sore against wo-
men kinde, considering that so many good Authoꝝ
haue from time to time whole volumned their praises: He
answered: They wrote what women ought to be, but I say
what they are.

P edro Mexia woonted to say, that a woman is the hea-
uen of mans eye, the Hell of his soule, and the Purga-
torie of his purse.

T he Carlo of Vrenia woonted to say, that the vertuous
life of a widdow brydes the wicked tongue to silence,
and spures the vertuous to commend her.

A widdow ouer-liued her two husbands, whereof the
first died rich, and left her full bagges, and yet withall
vs'd her but hardly in his life time: th'other spent all and
left her poore, yet whiles he liued vs'd her very well and
kindely: these two being both buried in one Church, and
neere one another, the one lay standing betwene both their
graues,

graues, said vnto certaine her gossips there; See ye heere these two graues: Here in this graue lyeth full bagges, and there lies spend all: now the deu'll take them both.

A Maide wife followed her husband to the gallows, and he requesting her not to trouble her selfe any farther, she answered: Ah yes (deere Husband) now that I haue brought you thus farre on your way, faith Ile see you hang'd too, God willing.

A Gentleman comming to visit a young Maide, found her at working her wedding waile-coate, and he ask'd her when she would haue done it, She answered, quickly: and then sighingly adioyn'd, Ah! herein I am to loose my maiden-head.

Two gossips chatting late in an euening by the fires side, at last one of them said vnto her maide: Nanne, light a candle, and with that fetch'd a great sigh: and added, For well I wot, thy olde maister lou'd light aboue any earthly ioy, and now I pray God the light of heauen faire befall him: Whereunto th'other gossip answered: And I for my part (Gossip) had a husband that aboue all things lou'd a good fire well, now hell fire light on him.

The Earle of Vrenia bled to say, that a womans greatest Tayle is modestie, and silence.

Two shepewes being at ciuill bzapble about one anothers honestie, th'one of them said: I saith thou sauo;st of honestie, euen as a Colw doth of Aqua vitæ: Th'other answered: And the honestie of thee, and the wooll of an olde dogge would make a good Cuckold medlie.

One commending a proper woman who was an errand sheew, and withall very talkatiue said: She is euen as gallant a woman as euer I set eye on, all but her tongue.

A Preacher in his good-friday sermon said vnto his parishioners: Sirs, who of you all will not in honour of this day forgive his enemy with all his heart? What that a woman slept forth and said, Sir. I doe: Whome (said the Preacher:) Marie whosoever (quoth she) will doe so much as kill the knaue my husband.

OF CVCKOLDS.

A Cuckhold innocent being informed that such a one was a bed with his wife, answered: knowing him as I doe to be a right honest man, I dare adventure my wife a bed with him.

A honest man that had but one eie and a queane to his wife, entring vpon the sudden into his bedchamber by night, a knaue chanced to be then a bed with her, who hearing her husbands voice, shifted him suddenly behinde the doze, & thus she said vnto her Goodman: what husband, is't you? euen welcome my good husband: I hope in God my dream is come to passe: I was euen now adreamed that you could see with either of your eyes, in so much as I waked for ioy, and I hope to finde it true: And with that she arose from out her bed, and comming toward him: Good husband (she said) let me lay my finger on your seing eie, & then tell me whether you discern any thing with the other? He answered: No, not any thing. In this meane time she beckned to the Adulterer to be gone: who straight slipped from behinde the doze downe the staires, and so scap'd quite away.

O he went a wooing, and by the way hee heard the Cuckoe sing. Whereupon he turn'd backe againe, and sware that by the Masse he would prooue him a lyer.

O he saluted his neighbour, and he refusing to resalute him, th' other said: So God me helpe, I see there is a kinde of people in the world, that dare not doffe their hattes for discovering their hornes.

A Gentleman whom the world strongly supposed to be a Cuckhold, hauing occasion amongst other Gentlemen to talke of the duties of seruants: said *Dominum cognoscite vestrum*, I pray you Or said one of the Gentlemen how doth that verse begin: wherely'd he *Alison ego sum*.

A Count

A Countryman came to aske for a Gentleman in a place where were many other Gent. besides, and it was his chance to aske the Gentleman himselfe : Who answered : My god friend, hee that you aske for, was hang'd many a day agoe ; And wherefore I pray you sir (reply'd the stranger :) Marie (hee answered) for a robberie : A robberie (quoth the stranger) Oh th'vngacious man, was he not content to be a Cuckold all his life, but hee would also proue himselfe a thiefe in the end :

A Poore countrey-man came from market, and brought a shepes head home with him, hornes and all. His wife seeing it, said : Why holw now (husband) what a head like pour owne :

A Spanish Cuckold was condemn'd to be whipt by his wife at a Carters-taile, condition, that if she forboze to doe it in good earnest, she then to be whipt her selfe. So marching along in the streete he after the cart, and she with rods after him, he often times turn'd backe to her, and said : Hate, good Hate, lay thou on load on mee, and let not them lay it on thee.

One saying merrily to his neighbour : Is your wife an honest woman (*troive y'e :*) he answered : I cannot easily resolue you that question, for well may a womans dishonestie be knowne by experience, but not her honesty.

A Man being to be mark'd in the forehead for hauing threë wiues at once : A Gent. that stood by, and knelwe the lenitie of his first and lawfull wife, said : Aswell deserues he a forehead marke for his first wife, as for th'other two.

A Faire Gentlewoman danc'd her galliard passing well, and a Gentleman highly commended her good grace therein : Shee scold her husband standing by, was proud to heare his wife so praised : and adioyned, Oh but (Gentleman) if you knew her a bed as I doe, you would say she were euen the sweetest woman in the world.

A English-man ask'd a French-man what was French for a Cuckold : Who answered (*Cocque :*) Why then I pray (quoth the English man) is this true French to say *Monfieur vous estes Cocque.* The French-man finding himselfe

himselfe touch'd, answered : *Pea* (sir) it is true French in the plurall number, but not in the singular.

A Cuckhold telling a Gentleman that he knew an Italian who made a 160. pounds a yeare of a Ciuit cat which his father left him, and affirming that it were good, if every younger brother in England were so well provided for: The Gentleman answered : I doubt not but your wife yeldes you twise as much every yeare.

A Cuckhold seeing out at a windowe his wife and another in lascivious embraces : And hearing her protest how dearly she loued him aboue all the men in the world : He said aloud vnto him, beleeue her not (friend) beleeue her not: For (I assure you) she hath tolde me as much a thousand, and a thousand times, and yet haue I still found her false.



OF BASTERDS.

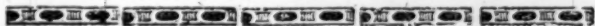
The Arch-bishop of Saragosa and another Gentleman who were both base borne, walked together in a field, and meeting with a Countrey man, the Gentleman pointed hornes at him with his two fingers, saying : How saist thou (friend) are they euen or odde : he answered : No oddes (sir) but euen a paire of Bastards.

A Bastard was a telling his friend that he was as much beholding to such a one as to his owne father : Why (said th'other) can you possibly be beholding to any so much as to your owne father : he answered : You haue reason : Yes (reply'd th'other) you are more beholding to your mother, that chose you such a father, then to your father that chose you such a mother.

One making his Bastard sonne his heire : The true begotten sonne being vnthriftie, it happened the two Brothers falling out, the true begotten twitted the bastard that he came in at the windowe : True said the Bastard, I came in at the window to keepe the house, whilst you might walke out of the doores to beg for the house.

A Polde and a young Gentleman being at tearmes of Enmitie, the young Gallant said: Wethinke thy selfe well, and thou shalt finde that thou art a base grome to me, and that we are not fellows by oddes : True (answered the olde Gentleman) for indeed I very well remember, your father and I were fellows and bedfellows too, not passing nine moneths befoze you were borne. He spake it in reference that the world thought he had sometimes knowne the others mother carnally.

A Young Bastard throwing stones among a multitude of people : one said unto him : Ware (boy) thou hit not thy father.



OF TABLE MATTER.

A honest man invited a Physitian to dinner, and at dinner time drunke to him in a cup of wine ; Whereunto the Physitian excepted, and said : That he durst not pledge him in wine for feare of pimples, and inflammations in his face : The other answered, A soule yll on that face, that makes the whole body fare the worse.

A Italian vsed to say, that wine hath these two commodities with it : If you put water into it, you marre it, and if you put none in, you marre your selfe.

The Dutch man vseth to say, that eating is not any whit necessarie, other then in as much as it procureth a man to drinke and talke.

A sudden silence being at a table, where sate a many at dinner : one of the company said, Why how now (my Waiters) it seemes that some of vs at this board, sitte with their legges a crosse : A Gentlewoman thereunto excepted, and said : Not I in sooth, for I haue her some what betwene my legges : She meant the tresselt of the table, but it was not so taken.

T One that stipp'd his wine, another said : He thinks you eate your wine, and all to demangle it : True (answered the other) I doe it to gaine the quintessence out of it.

A Friend of Don Alonso de Aguilar being at dinner with him, call'd for a little wine : Whereupon Don Alonso tolde him : In this house (Sir) neither a little is to be demanded, nor a little to be giuen.

A Turkie-pie had bene often seru'd in to a poore Gentle-mans boord, and at last a Seruing-man being to serue it in againe, made some stay of it by the way, resting it vpon the buttry hatch. By chance his maister came by : and seeing it there, asked him, why he did not carrie it in ? Paris Sir, (answered the seruingman) I thought it could by this time haue found the way in alone.

On a Christmasse time the Countrymen came in thicke and threefold to a worshipfull mans house, and sell hungerlie to their victuals : And one of them rising by with a full belly, said : Sirs, God blesse you all, and the Founder : The Gentlemans Steward then standing by, answered : and the Confounders too.

A Seruingman by mischance shed by oath on his maisters boord, and his maister said : Sirra, I could haue done so my selfe : he answered : So maruell (Sir) for your worships hath scene me doe it first.

A Polde Doctor complaining how that hauing but one onely tooth left him in his head, it was lately fallen away with eating a very ripe figge : another answered, But your tooth was a great deale riper.

A Physitian willed an Italian Souldiour to forbear wine after figges : Who answered. Eat (Maister Doctor) you mistake : It is wine after figges, and a figge for water.

A Doctor of physicke wore his sleeves short, and verie wide : And dining on a time at a Noble-mans boord, he wared liquozish of a Cranes legge, which for that it was far from his reach, he thought it better manners, to take the whole Crane out of the dish, and carue himselfe at least
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fore vpon his trencher, then to stretch out his arme so farre, whereby to discouer vnto that honorable compaignie all his naked wist: And he did so. A seruingman then seeing the empty dish, tooke it from the boord: At last the Doctor hauing shar'd out his morzell, look'd about for it, and missing it, threwe the Crane vnder the boord, saying: Ooe seeke it out.

A Venamar a Moze-king, commended water for two good properties that it hath, viz. It neither indebtedh nor in-
drunkemeth a man.

O He drunke a cup of very small wine, and said: Why how now water, shall I call thee wine?

A Gentleman vsing to dine often with the Maioz of London, on a time brought his friend with him, saying My Lord heere I am come a bolde guest of yours againe, and haue brought my shadow with me: The Maioz welcom'd him and his shadow: within a while after he came againe to dinner to him, and brought two companions with him: To whom the Maioz said, Sir, you be hartily welcome: But I pray you tell me, Doe you not thinke it a monstrous thing, one body to haue two shadowes?

Old Maister Palmer of Agmerine was a pleasant Gentleman, and being one day at dinner with the Duke of Sommerfet, no sooner was a dainty morzell of meate caru'd him, but straight the seruingmen were ready for cleane trenchers to receaue it from him: At last a Lady caru'd him a Partridge-wing, and a seruingman soorthwith cleane-trencher'd him, and went cleane away with it: Which the merrie Gentleman perceiuing, said aloud vnto all the honorable company: A faire sight (Sirs)marke,marke it well: oh the faire sight,

At a summers banquet of fruits and swete meates, a young gentleman placed himselfe next to an old man, who had scarce ere a tooth in his head: But yet the olde man out-eat him: Whereupon the merrie youth at rising, thus beiested him, saying: Passe (father) of one that is no better God, than I se you are, you haue runne very well to day.

One came to visit a Gentleman and he found him eating of cherries with a paire of spectacles on his nose, whereat he greatly marvelled, and said : Sir, I wonder, considering you are so good of sight, that you eate your cherries with spectacles : He answered, The truth is, I bidde my man buy me great Kentish Cherries, and he hath brought me these little ones, as you see, wherefore I eate them thus with spectacles to make them seeme great ones, and that's as good.

Grapes were set before one at the beginning of dinner, and he said : It is not good building upon a round foundation.

A Doctor of physicke was telling one how wholesome it is to breake ones fast all the dog-day mornings : and one asked him when the dog-daves beginne, and how long they continue : He answered : Harrie, they begin (according to Plinie) alwayes fifteene daves before the Callends of August, that is the 17. of Iulie, and continue till the 17. of September. One that stood by, then said : In sooth (maister Doctor) I haue often heard it, euen as you say, that Dog-day breakfasts are indeede very wholesome, but truly I alwaies thought that those daves began euermore the first of Januarie, and ended not till the last of December.

In Spaine Butter is daintie : and being seru'd in on a fine lute, to a Noblemans boord, a Gentleman at the lower end tooke exceptions for that they had none there : Whereunto his next commensall answered : Belike my Lords steward thinks we haue no bowles to greaze.

A Carle came late within night to a Gentlemans house, and a fatte Capon was seru'd up to his supper, which th' Carle seeing, straight tinn'd the dish with his knife to haue it set nere him : Whereupon the Gentleman then standing by, said : Your honour doth well to take it, for it is a Trump at this time.

A Poorer Gentleman invited a cupple of Friers to dinner to him, and their cheere was only egges. The Gentleman would faine haue excus'd the matter vnto them : but
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one of them perceiuing his drift, said, why (Sir) egges are very good fare, and many good dishes may be made of egges : Say you so father (reply'd the Gent.) holde yet here then each of you a couple of egges, dresse them after your owne manner.

Two Gent. came to bzeake their fast in a Taurine, & a Bag-piper stood piping at the doze : At last in came one and set them downe a couple of egges, whereat one of the Gent. excepted, and said : Hath all this cackling bene but for these two poze egges ?

A Man of worship had on the sodaine great resort of guests, & their fare was but slender : Whereupon he called his steward vnto him and said : Why how chanceth it p. that we haue no better fare to day : this dinner is like an apple, soone snatch'd by vpon the poput of a Rapier.

A Gent. and a Gentlewoman supping in one roome at two seuerall boyds, whereat were a many strangers besides, the Gentlewoman waxing teasty and foolish at some speech of his, began to misuse him vnciuilly in tearmes before all the company : Whereupon the Gent. said : Some good body take away the Ballade from the Gentlewoman. What Ballade Goodman Ass (said she ?) he reply'd, your fallade of Pettles.

One vs'd to say, that it is good to talke of warres, but not be in warres, to talke of the Sea, but not be at sea, to talke of hunting, but rather to talke thereof.

One wonted to say, that poze men want meate to their stomacks, and rich m.n stomackes to their meate.

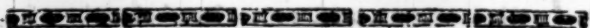
A Rude Gentlewoman had stust her pottage so thick with bread that somewhat fell beside the dish : One saing it, said, Gentlewoman you spill : No, (answered another) well may it fall beside, but it cannot spill.

One being caru'd the rumpe of Button, he refused it, saying : I bzoke no sources of close scales.

One was telling a Gentlewoman how such a Gallant of the Court eat euery day eight Capons in blanch-manger : She answered : Oh the Fore.

A Nobleman's banquet a ship of Marchpaine Ruffs was set upon the board, wherein was all manner of Fishes in the like Ruffs: Every one snatching thereat: A Sea-Captaine sitting far off could not reach thereunto, but one of the company gaue him a spratte, which he receiuing, held it a good space to his eare: The Nobleman taking it, asked him his conceit therein: Hee then in reference to the little portion that came to him out of that Marchpane, thus merrily answered; And like your Grace, my father befoze me (as your honour knowes) was sometimes a Sea-Captaine, and it was his mischance, and my hard hap, that since his last undertaken bovage to sea, which was some twelue yeares agoe, I neuer since could heare what was become of him: Wherefoze of euery fish that falleth into my handes I will aske whether it can tell me any newes of him, and this petty sprat (my Lord) saith he was then a little one, and remembers no such matter.

O He drinkeing to a Gentleman and saying Sir, I drinke to your sister Alice, and to your cousen Bessie, and so bpward to your Father, and to your Mother, and then doونه againe to your little brother Robert, and little Mistress Frances, and the rest: He answered, I pledge your paire of Statres.



OF VISITATION.

O He came in a morning to speake with a Gentleman who was knowne to haue befozetime forsworne himselfe in false witnesse against a neighbour of his: And the Gentlemans Page answered him that his Maister was yet a bed: Within an houre after he ask'd the Page againe whether his Maister were yet stirring: whereunto the boy answered no: The partie hereat all in a chafe, departed, and said: Yea, neuer may he rise by moze in false witnes against his neighbour.

Siento

Siento signifies in Spanish, I sit, and also I feele: A yor^e Gentleman came to visit a man of worship, and they presented him a ruinous stole to sit upon: He sawing it, stood still, refusing to sit downe: The man of worship asking him why he stood, and requesting him withall to sit downe, He answered: Pardon me (Sir) for no me siento, that is, I doe not sit, because *me sento*, viz: because I seate. He meant that he felt himselfe agrieved with so homely a seat.

A Scholler that vaunted what especiall interest he had in a certaine faire Gentlewoman, went (he and his friend) on a time to visit her: And she in disdaine of him, will thow'd him at euery word, and he as often ouer tilted her with Honon^r, Ladiship, and Statek^e, whererat the Gentlewoman wearing testie and curst, asked him why he so exalted her in title aboue her calling? He answered: May it please you to mount but one poyn^t higher, and then will I fall one lower, so shall our muscke well accord.

A Courtier being a very braue Soldier, and hauing fought many stout combattles, comming to visit a most pleasant Lawyer, the Lawyers man tolde his maister who was come to visit him: he instantly rose from his study, girded his gowne about him, put on a sword, a rapier, daggers and poyards, and hung a buckler at his beech: Then with a halbard in one hand, and a law booke in the other he came forth, and the Courtier wondering at him, he said: Sir I that know your seuerall professions am but only provided for their seuerall entertainments.

One came to speake with his friend, who being at that time very busie, willed his man to answer him that he was not within, but he by chance euer heard his voyce, and knew thereby that he was within: Whereupon he departed mal content: The next day this other came to speake with him, and he hearing that he was come, look'd out at a window, and told him that he was not at home: Not at home? (answered the other) Why (I pray Sir) who are you? Who am I? (reply'd he) I hope I am one whome you may as well credit, saying that I am not at home as I to believe your man making me the like answer from you yesterday.

One that for his safety had taken Sanctuarie, a friend of his came to visit him, and said : Now thanks be to God your ease is just as well out of Sanctuarie as in Sanctuarie: Th' other answered, else durst you not come visit me.

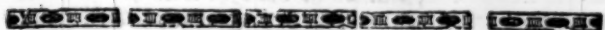
A Gentleman that had bene long in the Indies, being returned home with a great scarre in his face, went to visit a friend of his, who knew him not a good while, till at last the Gent. discovering vnto him his name, and kindred, in the end he called him to minde, and said : Sir, you must pardon me, for (I assure you) your superscription being blurr'd, I could not well aread you.

A Gentleman being in conuersation among a many of foule Gentlewomen, at last came in a very faire one : Whereat they all arose to salute her, and he said : If this Gentlewoman had not come, we had lost the game for want of a Court-card.

A Gentleman comming to visit a faire Gentlewoman, and finding her playing with a tame Conie, said : God saue both your Conies.

A Gentlewoman whose name was Thorney, sitting in her chamber betwene two Gentlemen, whereof the one was a great drunkard, th' other as great a Letcher : her maide came to her and deliuered her a message in her eare, & at rising vp againe, one said vnto her : Foxloth (Mistresse) will it please you to be gone so soone ? No, not very soone (answered the Gentlewoman) for Ie you not how I am here settled betwene the skin and flesh.

PAja in Spanish signifieth a messe of meate, likewise straw : A meane Gentleman came on a tyme to visite a man of great worship, who was but newly set downe to dinner, and therefore sequestred himselfe into a Garden in the meane time : Where after he had walked a good space, at last in he came againe into the hall, and asked a seruigiman whether his maister had yet din'd : who answering no, and that the second Paja, viz. the second messe was but newly seru'd in : All in a chafe he flung away saying : Nay, if he be all this while in his Paja, viz. in his straw (as he meant it) surely I will not stay till he haue eaten his Dates too.



Wits, Fits, and Fancies.

The fourth part.

OF NATIONS AND CITIES.

A Italian trauailer vsd to say, that the Portugall seemes a foole, and is a foole : the Spaniard seemes wise and is a foole; the Frenchman seemes a foole and is wise; the Englishman wise, but cannot sholue it; the Italian both wise and so seemeth: & the Dutchman would be wise, but for the pot.

A Scot vsd to say, that Englishmen are like dogges, forasmuch as disgrace you but any one of them, and the rest will all disgrace him moze and moze. So doe Dogs, for if one of them be bitten and ouer-matched with an other Dog, all the other Dogges in the stræte will straight take parte with the victoꝝ Dog, and all to beteare the other. But Welsh-men (he said) are like good Country Hogs, for let a Dog bite or abuse any one of them, or any of them misse one an other, straight the hogs in the ground will rescue and saour the distressed hog, and all to begrunt the other away. So lesse is Welsh-mens true loue and kindenes towards one an other.

In the North of Ireland, where they eate but Waten cake & bread, there was a Kerns mother, hearing that her sonne was slayne in fight against the English-men, came the morrow after into the field, and finding her dead sonne there, after much moane and lamentation ouer him, he chanced to cast her eye aside and there by espi'd a dead Englishman: Then by the rose, and much accursing our nation for the death of her sonne, in the end she stripped him of his apparel, and chanced to finde a stale loafe of bread in his breeches,

which was of the promise he brought with him from the English pale: Which after she had a good while well viewed and wondered at: In the end burst forth into fresh teares, and said: So meruaile though my deare sonne be slaine by one that hopdes so hard and huge a turd.

A Scot was a preaching how that all men are one another neighbour and brother in Christ, even the Turke, the Jew, the Pope, the Caniball, the farre Indian: and then concluded: Yea, and the very Englishman is our neighbour too.

A Portugall frier was discoursing in his sermon of a great victorie that his Nation had against the Spaniards that day twelue monthes, and said: Then both Armies camped nere vnto the river, we Christians on the one side, and the Spaniards on the other.

A Drunken Christian, and a Jewish Christian being at tearmes of bzauble, the Drunkard call'd the counterfai a drunken companion, and the counterfai called him a Jew: The next day they met againe, and the Drunkard then said vnto the Jew: Sirrah, take thy Jew to thy selfe, and restore me my Drunkard againe.

Sanabria a Spanish Captaine b'd to say, that it was extreme cruelty in the Pusses to make their wiues their drudges in the warres, and no lesse vanity in the Spaniard to make his maide his mistresse.

A Spaniard brauing an English fugitive souldiour in the Lowe Countries, said, that in his daies he had slaine as many Englishmen as he had buttons on his dublet, The Englishman answered: So often kisse you my tapie.

Ope requested his supposed friend to stead him in a certaine occasion, which he refus'd him, saying: To doe you good in god sort, you might draw me after you to Ierusalem with a wollen twine, but to doe ill to pleasure you, you shall pardon me: Whereunto the other answered: I, to Ierusalem, I thinke well, so that belike is your Countrie.

Don Diego Garcia Paredes wonted to say, that all other nations speake with their lips, but the Spaniard with

niard with his heart.

Gonzalo Fernandes said, that French-men at the first encounter are more then men, and after ward lesse then women.

A Perry Gentleman hauing painted in his house the fashions and attyres of all the Nations in Christendome, caused the English-man to be painted naked, with a paire of Taylors shears in his hand, and a cloath before him saying: All is but one fashion.

One saying that French paper was better cheape in England then English paper: Another answered: No maruaile, for why, they haue more ragges to make paper of in France, then we haue here in England, by reason they haue more beggers.

A Portugalls wife calling a Castillian scuruié Spaniard: Her husband said: Alas (wife) it is mischiefe enough that the worse soule is a Spaniard, though he be not scuruié too.

A French-man brauing a French-man, and saying That it was not for nought that England gines the Lyons, so braue and magnanimous is our Nation: The French-man answered: I, but the Lyon breeds the Cocke: So said in reference that French-men are called in Latine Galli.

Isabell Quene of Spaine hearing another Citty praised laboue Toledo, said: If it be as great as Toledo, then is it not so strong, And if it be so strong, then is it not so great.

A Great Clarke being come to Toledo, where he noted the people very ingenious, ciuill and discreté, he said: Neuer till now that I am in Toledo did I thinke my selfe an errand soke.

It is the prouerbiall praise of Venice: Venice, whomeuer saw it, cannot esteeme it.

Isabell Quene of Spaine asked one Don Alonso Carilio what he thought of the City of Cordua: Who answered: A many billiages met in Parliament.

A Spanish

A Spanish Jester wonted to say, that in the City of Sigonia were eight moneths of winter, and foure of hell.

It is proverbiall in our Countrey, From Hull, Hell, and Hallifax, Good Lord deliuer vs.



OF RELIGIONS.

One prayed thus : God blesse and saue my Father, my Mother, my Brothers, my Sisters, my Wife, my Childzen and me, and no more : Another that ouerheard him, answered : The Deuill take thy Father, thy Mother, thy Brothers, thy Sisters, thy Wife, thy Childzen, and thee, and no more.

A Scottish Euangelist quarrelling with an English-man about Religion : Tut (said hee) you are all Papists yet in England, for that your Churches are still standing euery where.

A Spanish Italian Peasant hearing in a passion Sermon vpon a Good-Fryday, that Iewes did crucifie Christ, the Preacher much enueighing against their hard heartednesse therein : Anon after the Sermon ended, he demaunded of one what Countrey woman the Virgin Marie was : To whome being answered that she was a Iewe : The Swaine then remembryng that she was their Countrey woman that crucified Christ, all in a rage he rusht vpon the Image, and all to brycke it : So indiscreetely the sole hated Iewes for Christ his sake.

A Pure Dame caus'd her Picture to be drawne : With a Wyble in her hand, and a drop of blood falling downe from Heauen vpon it, and writtten vnderneath thus. By Gods blood and his word I am sure to be saued.

At what time the Inquisition was first established in Spaine, it was preclaimed throughtout all that Countrey,

Countrie, that all Jewes that would not subscribe thereunto, should within certaine dayes voyde the Realme & pack away. A company of Jewes hereupon presently departed, and arrived at Marselles, a Sea-Towne in France: Now one of them walking the next day upon the key, saw another Ship arrive thither, and some halfe dozen of his Jewish acquaintance disembarked out of it, to whom he heartily welcomed into those parts, and demanded the cause of their coming: They (because a many Frenchmen were in place and loath they were to be knowne for Jewes) answered: Whether we are come for the death of a certaine man: The other reply'd: And I euen for the same cause.

One invited a Jewe to dinner, and caus'd mince'd Porke to be serud to the boord, so deceitfully, that he thought the Jewe could not suspect it: But the Jewe imagining the truth, ask'd notwithstanding what meat it was. They answered, mince'd birds of dingers sortes. Wh would they had wings (then said the Jew) to flye away from this boord.

A Madrap being demanded of what Religion he was, answered, Crier of the Kings, for it must necessarily be, that he which is the best man, hath ever the best vertues.

A Conuertite Jewe trauiailing on the way with certaine Spanish Gentlemen, they arrived at last at a brooke, where because they knew not the certaine depth of it, they straine'd curt'sie who would goe for most: At last the Conuertite was the hardy man that did it, and he did it safely, and then the rest followed after. Being all safe on the other side, one of the Gentlemen said, that he marvel'd how so late a Christian as he, could haue the heart to adventure himselfe to danger, seeing such kinde of men are most fearefull in all dangerous occasions: Whereunto another of them adioyned: From fire God blesse him, for water (we see) he little feares.

Two disssembling Christians, being in deeds both Jewes as well in their secret beleefe, as in linage, were at tearmes of babbie with one another, th'one demanding a certaine

certaine debt, and th' other denying it : Whereupon the demandant challenged his faithfull promise made him at such a time for the repay thereof : which the other confessed, but adioyned withall, that that faithfull promise was but to amend his faith : With that in steps me a Spaniard, an acquaintance of them both, and said: Bring both one peece of cloth, how can any amendment be perceived?

A Jewish Christian being at a banquet in a wood among many Ladies and Gentlemen, a Cammon of Bacon was seru'd to the boord, and he to auoyd suspicion of Iudaisme, tasted thereof : But when the banquet was done, he sought himselfe alone into the thickest of the wood, & behinde a tree forced by all the Bacon againe with a fetter out of his stomacke: Which being scene by one or two of the company, they all teased at him theretofore, and call'd him Jew: So Jew (Gentlewoman said he) but thus: As soone as euer the Devils sawe, or smelt so good a reliche as Bacon within my body, they straight flew out at my mouth in vomit.

One call'd a dissembling Jew, Turn-coat : Whereupon the Jewe entred his action of slander against him, and hauing brought it to the issue, the party was condemned to confesse in open court the slander, and withall to pay him a somme of money in consideration: When the partie thus in open Court retracted the slander, saying : I confesse that I haue highly inuird maister N. in hauing called him Turn-coat, for (on my conscience I thinke he is still as errand a Jew as euer he was).

A Preacher in Spaine perswaded a Poore to Christianity who seeming conceiptlesse of what was said vnto him, the Preacher said: For ought I see, my wordes enter in at one eare of you, and goe out at the other : The Poore answered: they neither enter in, nor yet goe out.

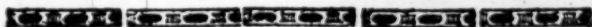
One in Quene Maries dayes that had formerly vnder King Henry gotten much by the fall of Abbayes, went about to build a Chappell: Whereupon a Gentleman his neighbour said, that it was like as if one hauing first ravished the Mother, would afterward pay for the nursing of the childe.

O He bled to say that it is a merry world, when folke account it folly to build a Church.

O He that was a Jewes sonne, and passed for a Chyistian, met a Gentleman an aduersary of his a horse back, he him selfe being also on horse back, and said vnto him: How chanceth it maister J. you ride so weaponlesse to day: the other answered: Maris because I meane not to kill him vpon the Crolle.

O He hearing that a Jewe had murther'd his childe, said: Better bee a Jewes hogge by that account then his childe. For Jewes eat no hogges flesh.

A Zealous Virgin Jew in Rome was held in high reuerence among the Israelites there, so very vertuous she seemed, and chaste in all her carriage: But a Florentine found the way by night to her maiden bed, and did his deede so thoroughly, that all her holinesse would no longer conceale it, but still swell'd euery day more and more, till being at last utterly detected, it was ten to one that she was not repudated a baggage: But in liewe of such infamy, so erronious was the reuerence the Jewes had of her virginity, that they persuaded themselues she was verily with childe of their Messiah: And in that error their Rabins directed their letters and posts vpon posts to all the Jewish Synagogues throughout all Chyristendome and Greece, for certaine Elders of euery Synagogue to come vp to the natiuity of that Babe: Which accordingly was done. Insomuch as during that season, Rome was a world of Jewes, so confluently they repaired thether from all partes: Now marke the end: At nine moneths end this Virgin Jew was brought to bed of a Florentine daughter.



OF ATTYRES.

A Elder Brother was commendng his younger Brothers greene cloake, and said it became him passing well.

Well: Th'other answered: But a blacke mourning cloake from you would become me better.

O He wore his shoes garnish't with cut & brent fringe, and one said vnto him, weare a maske before your face for shame that the world discouer not your pimples.

O He wore a strawe hatte in a strange place, and the people flock't about him, all gazing at the nouelty: At last a Church-man passed by, and pittyping to see a stranger so gay & upon, asked him whether he had any acquaintance thereabout or no: who answered, Why aske you: Sparie to th'end (quoth hee) If you haue any, he may doe well to come and defend you from those beastes, least happily they cate up all your strawe, and leaue you ne're a whit for your supper.

O He seeing a Gentlewoman atty'd all in white, said: She had laid her chastity a whittling.

O He wore his cassock & laces close girt vnder his girole, and one that saue it said, that it was like a pinion'd Goose.

A Spaniard hauing a Pore haue, let him go a long time in a pore ragged mandilian without sleeves, one asking him why he dealt so sleevelesly with the pore wretch: he answered: Forsooth his winges for feare he fly away.

A Lady of high calling disguising herselfe with a dayle, and accompanied onely with her waiting Gentlewoman, went to a Gold smith to cheapeen plate, and standing at the shop, a Gallant chanced to come by, and seeing her so, and supposing her such a one as would easily admit confeske in loue and leusie, began co commune and complie with her in that kinde, but she gaue him a scozefull begone, saying: See heere vnder this dayle no common garment, nor am I as I seeme. The Gallant thereat all in a chafe answered: Be what you be will, and be so atty'd then, or else be as you are atty'd.

A Gentleman prepared himselfe toward a day of tyling, and because money say'd him to furnish him paying bzaue against the time, he was faine to sell a very rich Mandilian that he had, saying: Whiles others Mandilian themselves

themselves toward Tytt, I vnmandilian me.

A Jester seeing a Gallant weare a little deminitive bonnet vpon his head, with a band to it, all to be set with Gold buttons, said : Foule befall the Smith that shod vnder Ase so close.

A Ppstart Gallant was atty'd in Taffata all ouer figured with flames of fire. which a Gentleman seeing, and knowing his base parentage, said to them in his companye : Behold, ponder strawey Cottage goes in danger of fiering.

A Faire Gentlewoman willed her seruant on a day of Tylting to attyre himselfe all in grane, which he did : And comming into the Tytt-yard, Gonzalo Fernandes the great Spanish Captaine knewe him, and guesing at his Mistresse, and at the cause of his grane, said vnto him : If she know you not by your habit, giue it her in hand.

Ope that for the space of many yeares together was neuer scene on the Holy daies other then in one cloake, a Gentleman thus beietted him, saying : He're a holy day but I see cloakes, but neuer sawe I cloake of so many holy dayes in all my life.

A Great Prince marrying a Gentlewoman of good but not equall degree, and finding some emulation betwixt his and her kindred, caused his wedding suite to be made of Sackcloth cut vpon cloth of Gold, and imbroydred betwixt the cuts, this sentence.

Cloth of Gold be thou not wroth,
though thou be matcht with Sackcloth.

Sackcloth be not thou too bold,
though thou be matcht with cloth of Gold.

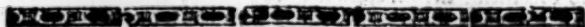
A Gentleman comming to the Tytt in a Caparison, Plumes and Bases all Orenge tawny, ranne so unfortunately vildly, that he brake neuer a Staffe of fyre but one which was crosse the body of his opposer : the next day he came to the Tytt againe cloathed all in grane, but then he brake neuer a Staffe at all, in so much that Gentlemen arguing the reason of his change of colours, one sitting by answered : Why, because the common people may report that

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the Gentleman in the Greene ranne worse then he in the Dreuge tatwyp.

A Gallant came to run at the Ring, all clad in haire-ro: A lour Veluet, and ouer it a bayle of white Taffata, girt close to him a la Morisco, whereupon the Emperour Charles asking his Jester what it was like: he answered: Like the bowells of a beast wzappt in their call.

A Gentleman came in a maske vested all in blacke, ouer figured with Deaths heades, and one that saw it said: Jesu, what a number of soles faces haue we here? The Gentlemans Page standing by answered: Say there lacks yours to make it seeme so.



OF OFFICERS.

A Spanish Carle retain'd an Usher for his Lady, and bid his Steward let him downe twenty pound wages The Steward for his Lords profit would not let him downe presently according as he was encharged, but of a moneth after: In which meane time the Carle asking the Usher whether the Steward had yet let him down in his booke or no: he answered: No and like your Honour, he will haue me stand on my legges one moneth to an end.

A Gent. of her Mostesyes priuy chamber comming to a merry Recorder of London, about some state affaire, met him by chance in the streete going to dinner to the Lord Mayo, and proffered to deliuer him his encharge, but the dinnerly Officer was so hasty on his way that he refused to heare him, passing him ouer to another season, the Gent. notwithstanding still byged him to audience, without discovering either who he was or what he would: Whereupon the Recorder then merrily turn'd backe to his horse and said: Waise, tell this man that I am going to dinner to my Lord Mayo, and that I cannot now attend his tittle tattle, for (well I wot) he will not beleue me: Whereunto the Gentleman

Gentleman no lesse pleasantly answered : So hoyle not so (I pray the) but thus: Tell the Assc thy maister that I am a Gentleman of the priuy chamber, one that is come to him about businesse of State, and will him to dispatch me presently as he will answere the contrary.

A Constable had direction to disarme all that passed through his quarter after ten a clock at night : And an merry fellow chancing to passe that way, said vnto him; Are you the Gallant that must disarme all Passengers this way to night : Goe ye then to such a Cokes house, and take from him a Cozlet of mine, which lyeth there in pawne for pyes.

A Commendador of Spaine being discharged of his office, vowed, that he would neuer make his will vntill it had pleased the King to reinstall him therein : Which the King shortly after dauid to doe, and then the first words of his will were these : All that I haue the Kings Priestesse gaue it me.

A Cavallio signifies in Spanissh a horse-back, and Acaballio to end or dispatch any thing : A Paioz of a towne riding poast through the strate to pacifie a tumult, a Gentleman of his acquaintance met him, and ask'd him whether he went to a Cavallio, that is so mounted : The Paioz answered, Acaballio.

Two Fellons were adiudged to dye, and yet at last through much intreaty it pleas'd the Iudge in fauour of life to ingally them for seauen yeares : The Hangman seeing that, kept in and besought the Iudge to rid him of his office, and appoint some other in his place : Being asked wherefoze : he answered : Because you bar me of my right.

On he chanced vpon the night watch, and the Constable demanded his weapon, who straight discovered his cloake and shewed him a bottle of wine, and said : Loe here all my weapon : The Constable tooke his said weapon from him, and he and his mates drunke vp all the wine, and then deliuer'd him the empty bottle, saying : Hold here (friend) the sheath againe.

A Constable raising vp his park by night, to assist Justice, made his proclamation thus : All you that doe not worthwith

for with rise, and come to assist the Kings peace and Justice, shall forfeit unto the Erchecker 100. stripes.

Three were a riding a Gent. house by night, and the watch came in with torches to attache them: Now, one of them to saue himselfe by darke, strooke out one of their torches, and ran away: But being afterwards apprehended, the Constable said vnto him: Belike (friend) you are next haire to the halter, that you desir'd so much the torches death.

A Courtiers man came to Queene Isabels Harbinger, and tolde him that the chamber which he assign'd his maister, was much at a fault: with that the Harbinger pointing him to a gibbet that stood befoze the Court gate, answered: If your masters chamber be at a fault, see yonder where stands a gibbet.

One being condemn'd to be shot to death for a rape: the maid in fauour of his life, was content to beg him for her husband: Which being condiscended vnto by the Judge, according to the lawe of Spaine in that behalfe: in steps me the hangman all in a chase, and said vnto the Judge: Now (I pray you sir) can that be seeing the stake is already in the ground, the rope, the arrowes, the Archers all in a readines, and here I am come for him.

In a prouinciall visitation in the territozie of Toledo, enquirie was made for such kinde of women as did cure folks with charms, and superstitions, And among others, a decrepit Weldam was brought before the Visitor, who asking her what cures she did: she answered: Forsooth (master) I wash to the Marchants maisterhips of Toledo.

A Souldiour comming about a sute to a merry Recorder of London, the Recorder seeing him out at the window ran hastily into an inner roome, and there put on a Cozlet and a head peece, and then with a Launce in his hand came downe vnto him, and said: Now now Sirra, are you the man that hath somewhat to say to me: Begin now when you dare, for behold, (I trowe) I am sufficiently prouided for you.

A Mayor of London died the very same day that he was elected, Whereupon one thus merrily said: A vigilant Mayor

Maio; he was, that neuer slept all the time of his Maiorality.

A Very Recorder of London being to discide a bzauble betwene two Cittizens, the one called Dunscombe, th^other Cox: and vnderstanding what a paltry matter it was, he thus iestingly said vnto them: Sirs, I very well conceiue your case, and thus I sentence it: Namely, you Dunscombe, deliuer ye vp to Cox all your combe, reseruing onely Duns to your selfe: So be you still a Duns, and he a Coxcombe.

A Gent. riding through a country parish, and being destitute of money, solde his horse to the Constable there, who seeing that he had an easie penitworth, straight arrested the Gent. vpon suspicion of felony: Namely, that he had stolne the said horse.

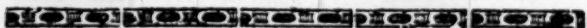
A Abb^t had bespoken of a Goldsmith a dozen of rich Candlesticks, and paid most of the money asfozehand: Shortly after the Goldsmith died, & the Abb^t came to demand the Candlesticks of his widow, which he knew were by that time all finished: Whereunto she making deniall, & refusing to take notice of any such matter, th^e Abb^t was faine to get an Officer to enter the house, and to seaze vpon them to his vse, The Officer came and searched, and the widow being loth to leaue the Candlesticks, toke him aside, and solicited his loue, & withall offered them in marriage with her, shewing him besides a large Inuentozy of what goods and moneables the foresaid Goldsmith her husband had left her by his last will and testament: Which the honest Officer viewing and perusing, and vtterly misliking and detesting such her trechery, deliuered it her againe, saying: Hold here (huswife) your Inuentozy, and see you deliuer me the Candlesticks presently: So was she foyled in her owne pollicy, for hauing confest the hauing of them, she was faine to yeld them vp without any moze adoe.

A Perry Recorder of London riding vpon his Pule would needs take the wall of all men, and riding in an euening all too ambitiously vnder the penthouses for that prerogative, downe he fell and his Pule both into an Ale-seller, & soze bzuised him: Insomuch as euer after he fled

to haue a man goe betwéne him and the wall as he rid, for feare of any moze the like mischances.

THe said Recorder passing along the stréete, and hearing a Doulbionr in an ale-house calling for a Kingstone pot of bére, straight stept in vnto him, and arrested him of high treason, saying: Sirrah often haue I heard, and tasted of a penny-pot of bére, and founde good of the pprice, but of a Kingstone pot of bére I neuer heard: Sure it is some counterfeite coyne, and I must know how thou cam'st by it.

THe said Recorder mistaking the name of one Pepper, call'd him Piper: Wherunto the partie excepting, and saying: Sir, you mistake, my name is Pepper, not Piper: He answered: Why, what difference is there (I pray thee) betwéne Piper in Latine, and Pepper in English, is it not all one? No sir (reply'd the other) there is euén as much difference betwéens them, as is betwéne a Pipe and a Recorder.



OF GUESTS AND ENTERTAINEMENT.

A Spanishe Gentleman being somewhat homely entertained in an Abbay, where he was lodg'd in an obscure corner of a lowe dampie roome, the night being very colde, and he as coldly couered, chanced to fall into a sudaine sore, wherewith he all to berayed the bed: Thererat being much ashamed, all early in the morning by he rose, and away he would, and as he was ready to take horse, he said vnto the horse-keeper; I pray thee (fellow) tell my Lord thy Maister, that inasmuch as he did not affoord me a bed in a chamber, I haue left him a chamber in a bed: Camora signifying in Spanishe, both a Chamber and a Shole.

I regard of the many Chimneyes that are now adayes built in Houses, and the slender hospitality that is kept, a pleasant companion saide, that Chimneyes are built so cunningly

cunningly now a daies, that seldome or neuer they are sene to fume.

Fernando King of Spaine came in progresse to the Castle of Montillia, which was newly built by one Don Alonso de aguiler an Esquire, and finding the staires somewhat too straight for so stately a building: the Gentleman said: And like your Patencie I neuer thought so great a Guest should euer haue mounted by upon them.

A Householder hauing burly Guestes allotted him, said vnto the Harbinger: Welcome me (Sir) I am greatly beholding to you for my Guestes: he ask'd him why: Harp because (quoth he) they are so bad, as I shall rest most glad at their departure.

One said to his Hoste: This fruit that you serue first in to the board, in my country bleth to be seru'd in last: The hoste answered: Yea, and here too for this once. For it was all his fare at that time.

One invited his friend to dinner, and hauing made him but slender chere, excus'd the matter, saying: Insooth (Sir) we haue neither Fesant, nor Partridge, nor Lark, nor any other good bird for you at this time, other then hartily welcome: Th'other answered, You please the birdes well in that.

A Churle invited a Gentleman to dinner, and hauing made him but homely chere, said that he was heartily welcome, as a friend, not as a stranger: The Gentleman answered: Welcome me I neuer thought we had been so great good friends.

One said to his guest: He thinks you drinke very little wine, if all the world drunke no more then you, wine would be good cheape: Not so (answered th'other) rather would it be very deare, for I assure you I drinke as much as I can.

In Spayne Bishops marry not: A Spanish Gent. had halfe a soles to his sonne, and on a time he taught him how to entertaine guests with talke, as to aske them, how doth your wife, and your children, your brother and your sister, &c. The next day a Bishop came to this Gentlemans house,

and this young Maister his sonne thus saluted him : I pray you (my Lord) how doth your wife and your children, your sonnes and your daughters, your brothers and your sisters? &c.

A Man of Eminence and good place in his Countrey, had a brother who was a very famous actor in stage plaies and so spent his time continually: Now this Actor comming at a certaine time to visit his brother who then as it seemed was very extraordinarily busied, darst a great deale more attendance then his nature could indure, and therefore finding his entertainment contrarie to his expectation, He departed without seeing his brother, and onely writ a letter full of unkindnes, assuring him he should not see him againe in seauen yeares after. When the great man had read the Actors letter, he presently in answer of it took a sheete of paper, and sculding strepence bp in it, seal'd it, subscrib'd it, and sent it to his brother: Intimating thereby, that though his brother had vowed not in seauen yeares to see him, yet he for his strepence could come and see him vpon the Stage at his pleasure.

A Spaniard trauiiling on the way, alighted at a poore Inne, and they asked him his name : He answered: Don Pedro Gonzales Gayetan de Gueuara : Whereunto they reply'd, Sir we haue not meat enough for so many.

A Conycatcher hy'd a chamber, and said to his hostesse, I assure you hostesse I neuer came in house in all my life where at parting I was not greatly lamented. And he said true, for he still departed without penny paying.

One comming to lodge in a poore Ale-house, asked the hostesse for a good bed : With that she brought him into an inner roome and shewed him the bare earth, saying : Loe yee here seauen fote length at least, heer rest you: Content (quoth he) but where (I pray you) is the pillow? She answered : Faith you are too dainty.

A Well-fauour'd man invited a stranger to dinner, and at last in came his wife, who had also as bad a face as he: The stranger seeing her, said vnto him: I pray ye (sir) is this your wife: he answered yea : Then the stranger repli'd
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In sooth (Sir) I would haue thought she had bene your sister.

QUene Isabells Harbinger buillited a Courtier in a Waiters house, who when he came to him, and shew'd him the bill, and that he had read it, and perceiued thereby that he was one of the Quenes Gentlemen, he straight toze it, and said : As sure as you are the Quenes Gentleman, so sure am I the Duke of Nazareths man, goe seeke ye lodgeing else where, for here you lodge not.

IT was a Gentlemans chance to be benighted in a blinde parish, where he was faine to lye in as blind an ale house, who when he went to bed, they brought him a ladder to get vp vnto it, by reason it was very high ; Which he saing said : Is this (I pray) the fleas ladder ?

IN Mourtia a towne in Spaine, there is an Hospitall of Bedlams and Foles, called S. Bennets hospitall, where vpon the Mad-men and Foles of that place are called San benitos : A Citizen of that towne vpon S. Bennets day inuited a many of his friends to dinner, and after dinner was done, and the cloath taken vp, one of the company said vnto him : We thanke you for all this good chere to day, and many a San benito I pray God you may see in your house. He meant, many a S. Bennets day.

OF MERCHANTS AND
MISERS.

TWO Thieves came by night into a Merchants house of Toledo, and stole away a deske and a fether-bed : The Merchant hearing a noyse, arose & went downe, and finding they were but new gone, followed them to see what would become of his goods : One of the thieves looking backe, espied him and said : Why how now, doe you dog vs ? So (answered the Merchant) but to see whether you remque me.

One asked a Merchant how he could sleepe soundly a nights owing so much as he did: he answered: Why man my Creditors doe sleepe.

A Merchant asked a wise man how he might preserve his wealth: who answered: Commit it not to Fortune.

Hernando de pulgar bled to say, that who so desires to be some rich, must haue two Duches, and two Littles: Much Avarice and Much Diligence: Little Shame and Little Conscience.

An Alderman lying on his death bed, certaine his prentises came to see him, and besought him to leaue them some good aduise, as a monument both of his great wisdom and good will towards them: Then he reard himselfe vp vpon his pillowe, and said: Toss your pottage before you crum in your bread: And so died.

A Merchant had agreed with a Wood-monger for all his faggots at pence a peece one with another: The wood-monger after hauing thus bargained, told him, that vnlesse he would giue him somewhat ouer and aboue, he would not viloade them: So to then (said the Merchant) I am content thou shalt &c. With that the Wood-monger viloaded, and when he had done, did also helpe to carrie them downe into the Celler, in hope of &c. Then the Merchant paid him for his faggots: And he demanding his &c. The Merchant answered: My meaning was that thou shouldst helpe to carrie the faggots downe into the Celler ouer and aboue thy bargain: So art thou paid thy &c.

A Merchant being ask'd with what maister he meant to place his sonne to learne Arithmaticke, he answered: With the Hangman, for that hee of all others is the brauest Accomptant, viz. of mens deaths.

One said to his acquaintance, I greatly meruaile that you are no richer, considering that on my certain knowledge you may dispend eight Testers a day, and you spend not passing two of them: The other answered: Two I pay, two I lend, two I spend, and two I lose: The two I pay, are those I allow my poore Father and Mother toward their maintainance: The two I lend, are those I allowe for my sonnes

some education in the University, which I hope he will one day repay me againe (if I liue so long) as now I doe vnto my father: The two I spend, are vpon my selfe, my wife, and familie: The two I lose, are those my wife spends euery day in toys and bables vpon her selfe, which I neuer looke for more.

One that ought a Merchant a great somme of money, and his day of payment being nere at hand, thifted away all his goodes, and fled the Countrey. The wise Merchant hearing thereof, was heartily glad, and came to his wife and tolde her, that in asmuch as his said debtor was now runne away, and had seized his band, hee would (be for God) take the benefite of the double.

A Merchant that ought much, and was not able to correspond, fled the Countrey, and for hast left much of his goods vndisposed of: Which his Creditors seazing vpon, and selling at the streete doore to the most giuers, one came and bought a feather bed, and said: That it was good sleeping in his bed that ought so much money.

One passing by a miserly Merchants new faire house, said to his companion: Ponder faire house is built for wealth, not for worship.

A Gentleman lent a Merchant his horse, who at his returne vaunted what a gallant horse it was, and how by the way as he rid he out-gallop'd all the horses he over-tooke, and had won with him halfe a dozen wagers, so swift he pac'd it, and so brauely he had put him to it: The Gentleman answered: For such honour let my horse thanke you.

A miserly Merchant asking one whome he greatly disdained, how he came by so rich a widdow, he answered: Euen as a man may come by yours after you are dead.

A officious Welshman seeing a cripple Merchants widow shailing ouer London Bridge, toke pittie on her trembling gate, and friendly offered her his helping hand all along: And as they woted it together, the olde woman asked him by the way what Countrey man he was: he answered a Welshman: Whereupon she straight desir'd him to lift on the other side of her, which he did, and so led her safe

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to her house at the brydge-fote, At parting she hartly thanked him for such his good nature, and pray'd God to blesse him : And he asked her what was the reason that vpon his saying that he was a Welsh-man, she straight desir'd him to shift on the other side of her : she answered : Oh (sonne) my purse hung on that side.

An olde Curmougeon had woꝛne a hatte full fiftene yeares to an end, and saing it at last ware red and rotten, he said : See, see the fallshode of these Haberdashers, how sleight they make their wares.

A Nobleman sent a Gentleman of his in great diligence, about some especiall affaires, and such was his diligence that he kill'd his Lords horse by the way. Being returned home, it pleased the Nobleman to make him pay fifty crownes for the horse, saying that he was content to reward him so well as to forgive him the rest : The Gentleman thought himselfe hardly dealt withall, and answered : Sir, this is neither reward nor Almoſe.

Certaine Seruing-men complained to their niggardlie maister how that his Steward allow'd them but onely Hallades and Cheese to their suppers a nightes : Whereupon the Gentleman call'd his Steward befoze him, and in a great chafe said vnto him : Is it true (P.) that you giue my men Hallades and Cheese to their suppers : I charge you doe no moze so, but giue them their Hallades one night, and their Cheese another, and so in order.

A Piggardly Gentleman found fault with a dish of vn-sauorie Disshes, that was set befoze him, and call'd it Coblerie stuffe : A Yeller then to taze his Miserlinesse, said : Welike (Sir) they are fallen to that trade, because they will not be beholding to you.

A Miser said vnto his man, Sirrha, you had best be gone least I giue you that you would not willingly haue. The seruing-man answered : Sir, I beleue you not, for you neuer giue.

A Rich Churle was so miserlie minded, that he thought all mischeifes that befell any of his neighbours, was in respect that they wisht him ill, & went about to doe him
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some dispiht, It chanced that his man riding in an euening to water his horse, both he and the horse drowned: Whereupon the Miser said: *Sax, sax*, out of doubt the Warlet hath done this to spight mee.

O He was commending a miserly Gent. and said that hee was passing discrète, and as orderlie in all his actions as a clocke: An other answered, The Clocke that goes not, is naught worth.

O He ask'd a rich Usurer how many sommes he had: who answered eightene: Eightene (reply'd th other) Feeleue me, had you as many moe, the countrie hath curses y enough for ye all.

A Rich Miser lying on his death bed, a preacher came to him, and willed him to thinke on God; he answered, *Oh*, so would I, but it is all to late, I must now dispaire and dye. *Oh*, say not so (reply'd the god man) for Gods mercy is aboue all his workes, and vpon that maine mercie rely all our hope, for hee (deare Sauour) dy'd for all: with that in stept a poore man to the Misers bed side, and said, Sir for the passion of God remember the fise poundes you owe me, and without it I am vtterly bndone: The miser hereat rear'd himselfe vp vpon his pillow, and staring a god while on the poore mans face, at last he answered: *Sirrah*, I owe thee no fise poundes, for I haue cast all on Christs backe, as this god father hath willed me.

O He seeing a rich Churle lighting himselfe in the darke with a rush candle, said: *Alas* (poore man) will your purse affoord you no better light; he answered, this lightes me to reckon my riches at the peares end.

A Liberall man gaue three shillings for a couple of Partridges, and a churle his companion rebuk'd him for his excesse, wherunto hee answered: Tell me in sooth, might you haue these two Partridges for three pence, would you not giue it? *Pes marie* (answered the Churle) that wers a very reasonable penny worth: Th other reply'd: As little set I by three shillings as you by three pence.

Two Gentlemen dwelling together in one house, were at deadly strife with one another, and the one of them

them being a most ruggish and miserable man, for the more safety of his person against all payson that th'other might prepare against him, entertain'd a trustie fellowe into his seruice, and gaue him due instructions how to serue him at board, and especially what drinke he gaue him, and generally of all payson, and in conclusion, offered him but 18. pence wages a moneth : The seruing-man seeing such his misery, said : For ought I can se, your worshop is rather in danger of famine, then of payson.

A Miserable churle bestow'd an olde greasse hat vpon an olde seruant of his, and said : Hold here *P.* this hat ouer and aboue thy wages, and se thou deserue it : The seruingman answered, with such guifts your worshop shall be sure to be no loser.

A *P.* ouer-pyn'd Miser complain'd that he had almost lost all the teeth in his head with the rheume : A Standerby answered, rather for want of bse.

A Worshopfull Gentleman vsed to promise much, and performe little : Whereupon a Gentlewoman merrily said vnto him : In sooth (maister *P.*) you were euen the best Gentleman in the world, If (your purse stringes) hung at your mouth.

A Extreame Miser had gotten together a huge heape of treasure, wherewith he purchased at one time 1600 poundes land a yeare : This wretch being at Church, was ouer-heard to pray : Lord, I thanke thee that thou hast giuen me sufficient, whereby I made not to serue any man, and thy grace to retaine none to serue mee.

A Miser had great flocks of Poultrie about his house, and selborne or neuer kill'd any of them, but let them liue their vtmost date, and so dye. Being asked why he did so : he answered : The surest penny in my purse, is that I doe not spend.

A Boisterous Miser dwelt nere a Tayle : And passing on a time vnder it, the prisoner at the grate said vnto him : God your worships charitie among a many poore prisoners here, for Gods sake : He answered, Neither meate, nor money can I spare thee. The begger reply'd : Yes (sir) well

wee wote your worthip keeps a bountifull house, for neuer look we out at our Turret window, but we see great smoke in your kitchin chimney: That is belike (answered the Miser) when my folke make me sops: Sops (reply'd the prisoner) They are fat sops that make such fat chops.

One that was reputed a very rich Miser, and yet died but a poore man and greatly indebted, another said of him: Sure, I had not thought he had bene so honest a man.



OF ARTIZANS AND

Prentices.

A Gent. looking out at his window, espy'd his neighbours wife in priue familiarity with a Pason, who wrought at his house: Whereupon taking occasion to walke abroad, and passing along by that doore, hee knocked thereat, and straight forth slept the Pason, and ask'd him what his Worthip would: Then the Gent. asked him what he made there: he answered, An Ouen: An Ouen (reply'd the Gentleman) Say, tis hoznes, and that's no Pasons worke.

A Poore country-man was desirous to make his sonne a Butcher, & came to a Gentleman a neighbour of his, to craue his aduise where to place him with some cunning one: Who answered, with a Physitian, for that they of all others (he said) were the brauest Butchers.

A Joyner was a making a sleight Cubberd, and one that beheld it, said: It saimes (my good friend) you make this Cubberd for the father, and not so: the sonne.

A Gent. will'd an Arras-maker to worke him a peece of Tapestry, figur'd with a faire Castle, and within the Castle a Dog barking, and at the Castle-gate a man all in compleat armour, brandishing in his hand a naked sword: The work-man wrought it, and brought it home: Which the Gent. viewing, and missing the Dog, angerlie crept thercunto: The work-man then merrily answered: Belike

(Sir) it is now dinner time within the Castle, and the scurvy Cur is gnawing of a bone somewhere in a corner.

One asked a Painter how it chanced he dyed so faire pictures, and begot so foule children? He answered: I paint by day, and beget children by night.

A Tyler and his sonne were a tpling of a house, and the father did his woꝝke so losely, that his sonne found fault therewith: Whereunto he answered: Fole, doe it well to day, and beg to morrow.

One asked a Cheese-monger what was the reason that butter & Cheese were so deere: he answered, Because wood & coales are deare: Meaning that because butter and Cheese might be eaten without charge of fire, and therefore was much bought vp, his trade brought good to reare the prices of them to a higher rate.

A Passenger asking a Water-man, why he wrought that day being Trinity Sunday: he answered: I owe here and there a many dybling debts, & my friends are unkinde and will not doe for me, and therefore I am even faine to borrow of the Lord, God helpe me.

One gaue ouer his Ale-house in London, & went to set vp in S. Albons: by chance one of his London-mates passing by his doꝝe, and seeing him stand there, asked him what he meant to giue ouer his Ale-house at London & come thither: he answered: To recollect my selfe.

A Poore man traouailing on the way, met with a poore Tayloꝝ, who offred him his sheres to sell: he (because it was an easie penni-woꝝth) gaue him all the mony he had for them, thinking that the next place he came at, he might happily sell them for moꝝe. So traouailing on his way, at last he came to an Ale-house, where by chance was then a Tayloꝝs wife a tippling among her Gossips, who seeing his sheres, straight thought he was a Tayloꝝ, & had him home to her house to dinner: And after dinner brought him forth a peece of cloath to cut out in garments. He all this time was content, toke the chalke in his hand, & began to make and unmake, & countermake a many lines and daches vpon the cloth, and so continued a good space: Till at the last, the
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meruailing thereat, ask'd him what he did : he answered : I measure how many Sizzers these threes will make.

O He asked a plaine fellow, whether he could tyle or no : he answered : Yea, in a good houre be it spoken, I haue tyl'd in London.

A Discontented Taylor said to a niggardly Gent. who had abridg'd him the thirde part of his bill : You a Gent : Faith (Sir) no, a Jew you are.

A Artizan sed his Prentice onely with Liuers, and Lights : and being one day to goe doe a little worke out of towne, he bid his Prentice come after, and mete him at such a place : Seane time he went afoze, & bring come to the place appoynted, there he staid for his prentice, whom at last he might see comming a loose off, with a load on his shoulders : and being come nere him, he meruailed thereat, and ask'd him why he brought that great log with him : The prentice answered : So many lightes haue I eaten, that I thought the open country wou'd haue carried me quite away, and therefore haue I taken this load vpon me.

A Baker loading a dung-cart, by chance a Hite flew ouer him, and a Taylor in the next shop seeing it, said : Oh, see there (Sirrah) your fellow Scavenger : No, (answered the Baker) Prick-louse, it is a Bullard like you.

A Gentlewoman fearing to be drown'd, said : Poto Jesu receiue our soules : Soft mistresse (answered the waterman) I trow we are not yet come to that passe.

A Butcher running after a Sheepe in the street, & crying to the people : Stop the Sheepe, stop the Sheepe : Another ran after him and cri'd : Stop the theefe, stop the theefe.

A Perry old Artizan, seeing a milke-woman passe by his shop, and crying fresh Cheese and Creame, call'd her to him,

him, and tasting of her creame pot, as though he had meant to buy, dranke it cleane off, & so deliuer'd her the pot againe, saying: Get y^e gone (y^e baggage) come y^e together to cosen me with your soluy^e milke:

Within a while after an Aqua-vitæ man pass by, & he calling him into his shop, tooke his Aqua vitæ bottle out of his hand to taste thereof, as though he meant to buy, and dranke of it at least a six peny worth at a draught, and so gaue him his bottle againe, saying: I marry, this warines my colde Creame well, and chæres me at the very hart.

On asking a woodmonger whether such a widow were not in his debt: he answered, No truly, she hath alwaies paid me very vertuously.

A London Printer sent his pzentice for a messe of must, Ard, who asking where he should fetch it: he surly answered, in France: Very good sir (quoth the pzentise) And with that he tooke a Mustard pot in his hand, and sozth he went to Belinsgate, where finding a ship bound for France, he embarked therein, and to France he went, where he remained for the space of almost a yeare, at last return'd home againe: He came that very same day twelue moneth to his maister, and deliuered the foresaid pot full of mustard, saying: Hold heere Maister your messe of French Mustard.

The said Pzentise entring by and by into his maisters Printing house, and finding a Duch man there working at the Presse, straight slept vnto him, & snatching the bals out of his hands, gaue him a good cusse on the eare, and sayd: Why how now Butter-bore, cannot a man so soone turne his backe to fetch his maister a messe of Mustard, but you to slep straight into his place?

The end of the fourth part of this Booke.

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Wits, Fits, and Fancies.

The fifth part.

OF IESTERS.

He asked the Marques of Villena his Jester, what vertue he thought was in a Turkey stone: he answered: marie if you should chance to fall from the toppe of a high Towre, you to breake your necke, and the stone to haue no hurt.

The Marques of Villena willed his Chamberlaine to giue his souldier Perico de Ayala one of his cloath of golde Jerkins, & the Chamberlaine deliner'd him onely the laces and the shirts of it: The Vice seeing himselfe so deluded, went straight to the father of the confraternity of the Court, and tolde him one was deceased that night out of the Marques of Villena his rooms, and will'd him to come fetch away the coarse swyth to buriall: The Priest beloued him, not knowing but that hee went in very darde for a dead body: Passing along, (the souldier smiting the bell in his hand as the manner is) the Marques hearing the bell, look'd out at the window, and ask'd wherfoze they came thether: The Vice answered: We come my Lord for the body of the coate you gaue mee, which I verily suppose is dead, because I haue here some principall members of it, without which, out of doubt it cannot liue.

The Emperour Charles being priuate on a time in his priuy Chamber, accompanied onely with his Jester, one Romero de Figueroa a poore Gent. (whose small lining lay vpon the edge of Portugall) came and desir'd to speake with his Maiesty: The Jester tolde the Emperour thereof, who answered: Bid him chouse some other time, for that I am now

now disposed to be private a while: So I beseech you Caesar (reply'd the Jester) let vs haue him in, for out of doubt he will else for very anger put by all his landes in a basket and flye to Portugall.

A Lonso King of Spaine progressing through the countrie, passed by a great hil in the midst of a plaine, which seem'd to haue bene cast by by the handes of men, and asking the cause of it: answer was made, that in the time of Alinazar a Moze King, Cordua was then chiefe towne in all that Countrey, and he enioyn'd the inhabitants thereabout, in token of their true allegiance to him, euery household once a yeare to bring to that place a basket full of earth, which being performed the space of many yeares together, rais'd it to that hugeness as did appeare: Then the King asked his Jester how many baskets full of earth he thought it contain'd: hee answered: Making one basket capable of the one halfe, there are iust two baskets full.

The Emperour Charles being present at a Bull-bapting with darts, a couple of gallants brately mounted shewed themselves most forward in the game, which the Emperour noting, ask'd his Jester what he thought of them: who answered: They shall euen perish both together as did S. Phillip and S. James: And indeed it fell out so, that the Bull ouerthrew them both from their horses, and left them there for dead.

A Pleasant Jester being at the table with diuers Gent. amongst whome was a plaine countrie gentleman, one that had a great deale more vertue then words, the Jester all dinner time did nothing but play vpon his plainesse, and brake most bitter and vsauorie Jestes: which the Gentleman endured very patiently till dinner was ended, and then comming to the Jester and taking him by the hand, he tolde him he was blest in a most happy wit: For sir (said he) your Jestes come from you so pregnantly and so sharply, and for mine owne part I could wish I had but halfe your skill therein, onely this I must let you knowe, that though I cannot brake a Jest, yet I can brake a head as well as any man liuing: & so drawing out his dagger brake the Jesters pate
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and beat him soundly.

A Couetous Earle came to salute the Emperour Charles, and his Iester seeing him, still pointed to him, and said to the Emperour: Este es Conode, Este es Conde. viz. this is the Earle: Esconde signifying also in Spanish to hide or to hold by.

The foresaid Iester was stab'd to death by a Courtier, for his ouer insolent mis-demeanour towarde him: And as he was a carrying home to his lodging, accompanied with a great multitude of people, at last his wife espy'd him out at the window, and said: Alasse deere husband, what is it he? Oh what a pittifull sight do I see: The Iester ouerhearing her answered: Pay nay (wife) no great matter (wife) onely they haue slaine your husband.

The said Iester being at the point of death, another Iester came to see him, and said: Ah my deare Francisco, and wilt thou needes be gone? Then swaite (Francisco) when thou comnest to thy kingdome (I pray thee) pray for me: That will I (answered Francisco) but to the end I may the better remember thee, (holde here) tye a thred about my finger.

The waggs of the Court had curtayl'd a Iesters nagge, and he in reuenge thereof cut of the vpper lippes of a many Courtiers Steds in the base Court: Who comming downe from the Presence, euery one to take his horse, and laughing to see the Iesters nagge at the Court gate so disfigured: Laugh on, laugh on Sirs (said the Iester) I dare warrant ye shall see your Horses laugh anon, and out laugh you all.

A Little Nobleman woze a broad-brim'd Hatte in the Court, and a Iester seeing it, said: Giue my Lord but such another hat belowe, and you may serue him by to the Emperours word as betwene two dishes.

A Iester seeing a poore Gentleman at dinner time now & then conuay a modicum of euery dish into the cape of his cloake, said vnto the company, Sirs, I am now determined to make my last will and Testament before you all: And first, I bequeath my soule to God, and my body to be buried

in the cape of yonder Gent. cloake, and with that stepping to him, snatch'd his cloake from him, and all to shoke it be-
foze the company : Then out d;op'd here a bird, and there
a bird, and choise of much good chere, he still shaking it and
saying: I meane this cloake (Grs) this cloake I meane.

A Jester used to say, that as soone as euer he perceiu'd a
fray toward, he straight became a Launce-man, being
ask'd how so? he answered : Mary I launch forthwith into
the next house.

A Jester meeting the Duke of Infantalco betwene two
fantasticall Gallants, cry'd out aloud vnto him : My
Lord, my Lord, you goe in danger : The Duke asking him
whereof : he answered : Of d;owning, were it not so? those
two bladders on either arme of you.

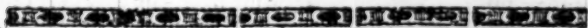
The Cardinall Siliceo being on a time merrily disposed;
sent for one Rauago a pleasant fellow to disport him
withall : Who after he had pleasantly Jested befoze him a
good while, at last fell to begging, and besought a good thing,
which the Cardinall granted him. Then he besought his
Grace to put him in good security for the performance of his
said graunt : With that the Cardinall naming a certaine
singing-man of that Church, the Jester excepted vnto him,
and said : Nay nay (my Lord) I le no such sureties as
weare no buttons vpon their doublets, for feare the ayre
carry them away.

A Jester seeing an olde Gentleman in the strate homely
atty'd, and wearing an olde fashion'd Tablet hanging
dovne his b;est befoze, said : It is a good letter though
interlined.

A Jester being asked what time he would gladliest chouse
to dye in : He answered, when Iohn a Nokes dyes :
And why so (said th'ether) Marie because (quoth he) he is
so errand an vsuring Cuckold-maker, that whensoever he
dies, I am sure the Deuills will be so buffe about his soule,
that mine may sneake by them and nere be sene.

A Jester lying a dying, sent for a Shoe-maker, and toiled
him to make him a paire of shoes for his soule, the soles
all of bell-mettall: the Shoe-maker asking him why so? he
answered :

answered : Harie, to the end my friends may know by
 hows trauelling in heauen (after I am dead) that there I
 am.



OF SERVINGMEN AND PAGES.

The Duke of Infantalco sent his Page with a Pea-
 cocke betwix two curious Venice dishes to the
 Earle of Saldania : And it chanced that as the Page
 discovered the upper dish, to show the Earle the pre-
 sent, downe it fell and broke all to peeces : The Earle re-
 ceived the Peacock, and return'd one of his Gentlemen with
 the Page, to excuse him to the Duke : Who hearing of the
 mischance, all in anger ask'd the Page how he broke it :
 With that he hauing the other dish in his hand, let it fall to
 the ground and broke it, and then said : Even thus and like
 your Grace I broke it.

A Plaine Steward gaue in amongst other his accomptes
 to his maister : Item, for scouring the Priuie, and
 trimming your worships Beard, two shillings five pence.

Such another Accomptant gaue vp in his accompts to his
 maister amongst other things : Item, for a penny worth
 of lace two pence.

A Gentlemans Cooke forsooke him, and went to serue a-
 nother maister, whom the Gent. meeting certaine mo-
 neths after attyred all in greene, said vnto him : Methinks
 (P) you looke very greene now adaies : True sir (answe-
 red the Cooke) for I am sow'd in a good ground.

A Nobleman of Spayne, whose living was good, but
 not excessiue, had a vaine in placing and displacing his
 seruants, especially his Wayliffes, & Accomptants : Where-
 upon his mother asking one of his men on a time what place
 he had in his maisters seruice, or what accomptes he yelded
 vp at the yeares end : he answered : Actes and Monumentes.

One Gent. was a telling to another, that his Page was
 run away from him, notwithstanding he had alwaies

bid him well, both with good clothes to his backe, and spending money in his purse : Whereunto the other answered: And I for my part haue a poore knaue, whome I keepe bare and pennyleffe, and yet he loues me well, and will neuer forsake mee : How can he forsake you (reply'd the other) hauing no winges wherewith to flye away?

Certaine Gentlewomen came a gossiping to a kinswomans man of theirs that was lately brought to bed a mile out of Toledo : The Gentlewomans husband being desirous to make them a brane banquet, called his man to him, and bad him saddle a horse quickly and ride to Toledo for such and such kinde of swete meates, and bid him home againe presently. The fellow went his way, and coming into the stable to saddle a horse, he could not finde the bridle : So whiles he was a seeking for it, his maister thought it long till he were returned : And said to them that were with him: Now by this time my man is on horse backe, and away he singes : And anon after, Now is he halfe way (quoth he) Lord how the knaue gallopeth : And within a while after he added : Now is he entred into Toledo, and now he buies the swete meates, and now he is halfe way home, and at last saying : And now he alighteth at the stable-dore, and now he comes by the staires, and now he (Sirs) where he enters in : Euen as he said so, in came the seruing-man in daide, and said: Sir I cannot finde the bridle.

A Gentleman aduised a poore man that was desirous of service, in any case to make choise of so discreet a maister, who happily, though he be not able to pay him his wages in due season, or otherwise well reward his good desert, yet that at leastwise will acknowledge his good seruice to deserue consideration.

Veluet in Spanish is called Tertio-pelo, as much to say in English as three Piles : A Spanish Courtier promised one of his men, his suite of Crimson Tertio pelo : viz. of crimson beluet, but wore't himselfe after ward till it became all pill'd and bare, and withall ought his man thre quarters wages : It chanced on a day that going to the Court, he missed his seruingman, and sent another of his men to seeke him

him out, and to bid him make him in such a place : Whereunto the fellow thus answered the Messenger : Tell my Maister, if he meane I should come waite on him, that he send me my Tertio : viz. my three quarters wages, for as for the Pello : viz. the Piles, that is already all too pill'd.

The Duke of Infantazgo sent a merry man of his about important businesse, and by reason of much raine that fell that night, a brooke which he was to passe, was so swollen that he could goe no further. Whereupon he turn'd backe againe without dispatching his Lords affaire. The Duke hereat was all in a chafe, and soze beknau'd him : Whereunto he answered : It seems your Grace sent me rather to dispatch my selfe, then your businesse.

A Gent. hauing Jerk'd his Page for a fault, bid him in th'end pluck vp his clothes and make him ready: toher, unto the Page answered : Sir, they are th' Executioners sex.

A Foot-man accompting to his maister how he had spent his money, amongst other thinges put in ; Item, a pye for my selfe foure pence, and for litter and prouander for your horses twelue pence.

A Many Pages prattling together in the Court, and euerie one of them wishing his wish : I wish (said one of them) that I were a Pellowne, that euery man might smell to my taile how good I am.

A Olde Carle being sent for to the Court, to answer some dangerous matter that was to be laide to his charge, walked vp and downe in his gallarie all in a dump, and thus mumbled to himselfe : God olde Carle be gone, for the Emperour (thou seeest) hath sent for thee, and thou must be at the Court within ten dayes, or be accompted a Traytor : Goe get thee gone then, god olde Carle. A Page ouer-hearing him, thus remembled vnto him : So shall you neuerthelesse, god olde Carle.

A Gent. said vnto his man : When I leaue off this suite, I giue it thee. The next morning the Gent. arising, mis'd that Suite, and (behold) in comes his man with it vpon his back : which he seeing, soze beknau'd him, and would haue beate him. When the Seruing-man said : Why (sir)

your Worship left it off yester night.

A Gent. and his man passing through a field together, a Crow in a tree cry'd kaw, kaw: See ponder p. (quoth the maister) ponder Crow calleth the knave: So sir (he answered) he becke to your Worship, as to the better man.

A Serving man ouertooke a Coach by the way as he rid, and ask'd the rears man of the traine, what Lady or Gentlewoman it was: the Servingman answered: The Duene of Clubbes: I thought asmuch (reply'd th'other) seeing the Duane of Clubbes to ride so fast after.

The Duke of Bejara sent his Page to the next towne to buy him a Crosse bow, and the Page entring in at the towne gate, saw certaine Sericants apprehending an Archer of his for debt, not without much bickering, and some bloudshed, whereupon he betooke himselfe to his heeles, and ranne backe againe to his Lord and said: I durst not bring your Honour a hitting thng, for feare to haue bene hit my selfe.

A Gentleman had an errand thefe to his man, and he in seeming to praise his fidelity, thus dispaire'd him, saying: Not any thing in all my house is vnder locke and key from A. B. and he knowes it well enough. For indeede he had a vice to picke open any locke whatsoever.

A Nobleman being to passe through a water, commanded his Trumpetter to goe before and sound the depth of it: Who to shew himselfe very mannerly, refus'd his charge, and pusht the Nobleman himselfe forward, saying: So sir not I, your Lordship shall pardon me.

A Young Serving man hauing a most miserly maister thus excus'd him with a flout, saying: I cannot iustly condemne my good Maister, for truly he neuer promiseth or giueth any thing, but he is straight penitent for it.

A Servingman vs'd to say to his maister: Now I beseech God (sir) to take away my daies, and bestow them vpon your worship, that long ye may liue: Kiding before his maister on a time in a darke euening, and in a great snowe, far from any housing, and quite out of the way, he then said vnto his maister, oh (sir) these are the daies I alwaies pray'd

God

God to take from me, and bestow vpon your worship.

A Portugall Gent. trauiailing into Spaine with a ciuill retinue, a Spaniard met him on the way, and ask'd the reare-man of his traine what Gentleman he was: the Portugall answered, no Gentleman. Then he ask'd him what Gallant he was, he answered, no Gallant: Then he ask'd him what Nobleman he was, he answered, no Nobleman: At last he ask'd him what man he was, he answered, no man neither, but the King of Portugalls Cousin.

On asking a Seruing man how much his miserie Maisters reuenuue was: he answered: Able to serue a thousand persons.

Quene Isabells Harbinger passing along the stræte, a Spaniard ask'd his Portugall seruant, who his Maister was: whereunto the Portugall made no answer at all: With that the Spaniard (thinking happily he was deafe) woke him a little by the cloake, and then asked him as before: Wherewith the Portugall all in a pelting chafe, then answered, my maister, my maister, who (sozsoth) is my maister: Why who (the Deu'll) should he be but all the world.

A Gentleman sent his man to one Preister his aduersarie in Law, with the Courts iniunction to auoyd possession, and to yeld vp his house to him: The Seruing-man went and did his message thus: Good maister Preister, my maister sends you his confession, by me, and confesseth vnto you how that to morrow (God willing) he meanes to turne you out of house and home by vertue hereof, and with that shew'd the Iniunction.

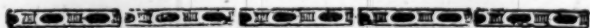
A Great Gentleman vs'd much bounty toward his rich seruants, and none at all to his poore ones; It chanced that on a time riding through a water, his Horse stood still and stal'd in the midd of it: Whereupon one of his poore seruants merrily said vnto him: Your worship resembles your Horse now; adding his bounty to the needlesse streame: all to all, and none to nothing.

A Angry Gent. gaue one of his men two good flurrets on the eare, whereat one of his fellowes by fell a laughing, which he perceiuing, flew straight to his maister & gaue him

him a bore on the eare, and said : Sir, I returns your worship this againe, to bestow vpon yonder knaue that standes laughing at me so.

A Noble man gaue an olde seruant of his two bores on the eare : And the next day being displeas'd with one of his Pages, merrily then said vnto him : I pray thee p. re. Roze me one of the bores I gaue the yester day, to bestowe vpon this villaine boy : he answered : Not onely that (my Lord) for your boyes, but the other also (if you please) for your Hobberdehoyes.

A Seruing-man being brought before a Justice vpon suspicion of felony, the Justice asked him whome he seru'd : he answered, God : With that the Justice commanded him straight away to prison : Shortly after being brought before him againe at the Sessions, he ask'd him (as before) whome he seru'd, and he answered, my Lord Chancellor : By L. Chancellor : (said he) why what (a Deuill) makest thou heere : Why could'st thou me not so much at first : hee answered : Because I did not thinke you had lou'd my L. Chancellor better then God.



OF BISCAYNES AND FOOLLES.

A Physitian sent a sicke Biscane purging pilles to lose him withall, and he tasting and chewing one of them in his mouth, and finding it passing bitter, spet it out againe, the rest he wrapt in a bundle of hay, saying : There rest ye till yee be through ripe.

A Gentleman sending his Byscane-man of an errand, bid him doe it with great efficacie, and the Byscane answered : Efficacie me no efficacies, for all were p. Efficacie the deuill himselfe I durst speake to him.

A Byscane being demaunded what Countrey-man he thought God was, he answered : Questionles a Castilian, for that neuer in all my life could I yet loue him heartily.

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The Emperour Charles was preparing to ftrike a Deere with a Crolle-bow, & a Byfcane-page being by, moun- ted vpon a gall d-backe jade, fuddenly whipt from off his horfe, and taking of the faddle, threwe it toward the Deere, and fo fray'd him away: The Emperour angry hereat, ask'd him why (the deu'll) he did fo: Whereunto (the boy taking the Emperour by the flæue and fhewing him his jades gal'd backe) answered: The faddle that can doe this, is it not able (trow yee) to kill a Deere?

A Spanifh Preacher wil'd his Byfcane-boy to goe breake his faft at one Dauids a Cooke, vpon his fhoze: Heane while he went to Church to preach: and reciting in his Sermon a many anthozities out of Scripture, for the probat of his Text, he faid: And now (firs) what fayes Dauid (trow yee) to this geere? Euem as he faid fo in ftept the boy at the Church doze, & hearing him talke of Dauid, answered him aloud: Parie no moze Dies (he faith till you haue pay'd) him the old fhoze.

A Cockney feeing a Squirrell in a Shop, greatly admir'd it, and faid: Iefu God, what pretty things are made for money.

A Byfcane-Doctoꝝ had promifed one an Affe, which Affe died fhortly after: In th'end the party lent to him for it, and he return'd him anfwere, viz. that he was now not bound to fend him the fozeſaid Affe, foꝛasmuch as ſince the day of ſuch his promiſe made, the Affe was departed his naturall life.

A Fole lay a ſleepe in a field, and had pitch'd his ſtaffe in the ground befoze his face, to fence him from the winde: By chance one comming by awaked him, & ask'd him why he had pitch'd the ſtaffe there: he answered: To defend me from the winde: Foole (ſaid the other) that cannot any whit ſhield thee: The fole replyd, Can the winde blow through it trow yee?

It was a controuerſie in Law betweene two wiſe men, whether of them a Cuckoe (which they ſaw in a tree) cal'd cuckoe vnto: And after that they had therein waſted all their pence, in the end they agreed to put it to compremize to a neighbour

neighbour of theirs, whome in the meane time they both plyed with butter and Bacon ynough, and such other like countrie eates, to draw him on their side: But he finding himselfe behoulding to both their bounties alike: At last when the houre was come, he thus awarded, saying: My good neighbours, to neither of you both did the Cuckoe srie Cuckoe, but to me, and there an end.

A Dogge had bitten a Foole, and the foole finding him the next day asleepe in the grasse, knock'd out his bzaines, and said: he that hath enemies, let him take hede how and where he sleepes.

A stranger came to see the poore soles in Wedlam, & one of them ask'd him of whence he was: He answered of Newarke: Then the sole ask'd him whether his father and mother were liuing, what brothers and sisters he had, and what trade or occupation he was of: All which he told him, and withall that he was a Gold smith: Then the sole ask'd him what businesse brought him thither: he answered, none but onely to see you: To see vs? (reply'd the soole) Haue you a trade at Newarke, and come you hether to see vs? Hee lceue me (brother) I am not in heere for any such matter, viz. for so very a sole.

A seruing man was iesting with his maisters sole, and made him belene he could cut off his head: The sole ranne straight to his maister and told him of it, who answered: He shall not cut off thy head, if he doe. Ile hang him the next day after: say I pray (reply'd the sole) rather hang him a day before.

Ope vs'd to say that a foole more benefits a wise man, a wise man a foole: For that the folly of a foole admonisheth a wise man from folly, but a foole cannot compachend the wisdome of the wise.

A Gallant passing along by a foole, the people wil'd him to doe off his hat vnto him: With that he ranne to the Gentleman and stroke off his hat from his head: For which being apprehended. and told how he should haue done it to himselfe, he answered: That were to steale away my owne hat from my head.

One chid a Fole for that he had throwen duft at his face, and fome of it was gotten into his eyes: the Fole answered, Truly I toke you for a letter.

One asking a fole how long he might be a learning to be like him, he answered: That is according as the boves doe pley ye foreward.

One vfed to fay that the difference betwene a wifeman and a fole is, that a wifeman dzeames but a nights, and a fole both day and night.

A Byfcane-Lackey came home to fee his mother, and she ask'd him how he lik'd his maifter, he answered: Faith (mother) an honeft Gentleman he is, but when he rides in foule waies, then march I faire and softly after like a King: But when he rides in faire waies, oh (mother) that's the deuill, then run I, then fweare I my heart out, his mother reply'd: Marie then I pray God (fome) fend thee foule way where euer thou fet thy foote.

In a tumult in a towne of Byfcay, the Daioz red the Kings Proclamation thus: King of Caftile, Leon, Arragon, Nauarre, &c. Whereunto they all answered: King & Quene God blesse them, but as for &c. The deuill take him, wor'l none of him.

A Gent. sent his Byfcane to market to buy a couple of Partridges, and will'd him to choofe them very fwate: The Byfcane went and bought them, and brought them home vnto his maifter, who fmelling to their fundaments, and finding them vnfauory, threwe them at his head, and all to beknau'd him: Then the Byfcane faid: What (a den'il) wil'd you to fmell thereawaies, I warrant ye there is nere a Lady in this land but finkes in that coaft.

A Byfcane was foze tormented to confefle his committed felony, and he would not doe it to die: At laft when they had tormented him almoft to death, they toke him off the torture, and befake him faire, faying: Well we fee your inuincible heart, you are truly a man euery inch of you: But (faith) tell vs now euen as you are a Gent. did you it not? Then the Byfcane answered: I marie (fircs) as I am a Gent. that's another matter, why faid ye not fo at the firft?

Goe too, I did it: Confesse and be hang'd, and so he was.

Two Byscanes traauiling on the way, were a hunger'd, and into a victualing house they went, and call'd for meat: The good-wife answered, that she had nothing at that present but onely a couple of hony combes (said one of them) what's that I pray yee? Know ye not what a Hony-combe is? (answered th'other) I doe. Goe too (hostesse) fry th'one, boile th'other, and bzing them vs presently piping hot.

A Byscane forgetting the name of the Walberdiers-street, demaunded of one which was the way to the Cate-of-male-fréte.

A Byscan traauelling on the way, chanced to passe by a pleasant spring, which seem'd to laugh vpon him, & he being extreme thirstie, and in sight of a village, loth to drinke water where wine was so nere at hand, he laid his finger vpon his mouth, and said vnto the spring: Pray laugh, and allure thou nere so much, I tell thee true, thou gettest not in here.

A Byscane imagining the whele of a Water-mill to goe by powrer diuine, bow'd downe his knee thereunto, and crept towards it to kisse it: The whele entertain'd him with a foule slap, striking of his nose cleane, and halfe his cheek alway: Whereat the Byscane impatient, and farks-mad, rose vp and ran away, and said: I tell thee (villaine) thou art no more Gods miracle, the deuill thou art.

A Byscane was commending what dainty meate a boyl'd Cocke was, and said: That the ha-hen was much better meate then the she-hen.

A Byscane scalded a Cony, and scraping off the haire, said little Archin, I meruaile how thou scap'dst bzaking thy necke, flying with so little wings.

A Byscane enquiring for a Sho-maker, said: I pray ye where dwells there a Sho-taylor?

A Byscane-woman complain'd of the Castilians for pruning their vines euery March, affirming that they did it of spight, that their Vines might not bzanch forth as far as Byscae.

Ope vs'd to compare follies to mischances, for that they seldome come alone: and therefore whensoever he saw any

any man say o; doe a folly : He would still say, Well fare it if it come alone.

O He asked a wiseacre who inherited all his fathers innocence: he answered : I, and my brothers : But because I am eldest, the siffteenes were allotted to me.

A Foolish man fell out with a Foole, and in his rage ran at him with a cudgell to beat him : The foole turn'd his backe vnto him, and steering ouer his shoulder said : We are two, so we are, we are two.

O He asked a Byscane how many hoxses his father had, he answered : Fiue, with foure that are dead.

A Spanish Gent. borrowed his friends Page to attend him to his Mistresse, and being there, he was dispos'd to iest with the boy, and said vnto him : Tell me (Arrah) is it true that all you Byscanes are descended of the fart of a Jew : the Page answered : If that be true (sir) you may doe well, euermore when you are dispos'd to fart, to haue a Byscane your companion, and not your borrowed Page.



OF COVNTRIE-MEN AND

Clownes.

A Many Clownes were eating a Posset together, and one of them burn'd his chappes, and for very paine let flye a monstrous fart, and said : Goe thy waies thou art euen the happiest fart of all thy fellowes, for hadst thou staid still within, thou hadst bene most miserably scalded.

A Gent. riding on the way asked a poore Countrey-boy whose pigges those were : he answered : My mothers : Who is thy mother ; my fathers wife : Who is thy father : he answered : Goe aske my mother. For these witty overthwarts, the Gentleman entertain'd the boy into his seruice and gaue him good wages euer after.

A Seruing-man quarrelling vpon the way with a Country-man, offered to snatch his staffe out of his hands to beat

beat him therewith : But the Swaine so well defended it, that he recour'd it wholly to himselfe, and then soze belam'd the Seruing man there withall, saying : Holde, take it : Holde, thou shalt haue it, and soze bzuif'd him therewith, leauing him there for dead.

A Country-mans Ass died, and he going to the next Ale-house, roar'd most piteously and said : (Sir) seeing my Ass is dead and gone, I know what I'll doe ; By chance certaine Trauailers being then there, and hearing him say so, thought verily that he meant to hang himselfe, and therefor soze pittie sake made him a Purse amongst them, to the price of another Ass, wherewith he seemed reasonable well pleased : And being ask'd what his meaning was when he said, I know now what I'll doe, he answered : Parie (Sir) to haue sold away my pack-saddle.

O He shou'd a Countrey man downe a paire of staires, and broke his nose, whereat he ban'd most miserably, and said : 'Twas thou (villaine) 'twas thou : No (answered the other) 'twas not I, but belike you are ouer-mellotw, and so fell downe of your selfe.

A Country-man spent his wife, for that through her default their daughter had straid aside, and gotten a big belly, asfirming that she ought to haue lock'd her vp, and kept her short, so had not that mischance happened : The good wife answered : Locke me no lockings, the deuill take the key that cannot open that locke.

A Crooked Country-cloane of extreame rude behaviour, was chosen by his Parishioners to solките their law-matter with their learned Counsell : Up he came to the Tearnie, and to his Counsell he hy'd him, who seeing so deformed and stonely a fellow, excepted vnto him, and said : What (a deu'll) art thou the onely sufficient man of all thy Parish to follow this matter : the Cloane answered : As for the matter (Sir) I cannot tell, but as for your worship (well I wot) they haue thought me good enough to come to you.

A Plaine Country-man riding vp to the Tearnie, met a Prisoner carted on the way to the gallowes, and said
aloud

aloud vnto him: Happy man thou, that hast no doings at the Tearme.

A Country-man lent his neighbour an Asse, and he neglected to returne him home at the day appoynted, so as the party was faine to goe fetch him himselfe: Who when he came, th'other deny'd that the Asse was yet come home, & made many flim-flam excuses to detain him a li hile longer: In the meane time the Asse Bray'd in the stable, whereby his maister knew that there he was, who then waxed very angry with his neighbour for so abusing him: Whereunto the other in a rage answered: Gogs nayles (neighbour) will you belceue your Asse befoze me?

A Plaine Country-man came vp to the Tearme, and passing by a silke-mans shop, saw a maid there weauing of fringe, to whome he step'd and ask'd her how much of that fringe she could weaue in one day: The mayd answered ten yeards: Then (he reply'd) By that account haue you wo-uen since I came to towne (which is some siue daies or there vpon) a fifty yards: Wirlady a good huswife are ye, welfare your heart.

A Gentleman was saying to a plaine country-man: Beleeue me (father) if this hot weather hold, it is like to goe hard with pooze beasts this next winter, the cuntry-man answered: God preserve your worshop.

A Country-swaine droue his Asse befoze the Court gate, and a Gent. or two of the Court seeing him all to beate and misuse the pooze beast, bid him be more milde & patient, and fauour the silly asse: With that the Clowne straight doft his hat, and made a low curt'sie to the Asse, and said: I beſeech your good worshop (O. Asse) pardon my rudnelle all this while, for sure I neuer thought that you had had kindred in the Court befoze now.

A Gent. married a Farmers daughter, of whome afterward he waxed weary and discontented: And on a day in a fullen mood he ask'd her how many burthens of strawe her father vs'd to serue his beasts euery winter: She answered: Befoze you married me 300. and since 350. by reason he hath one beast now more then he had.

A Country man entring into a Cittie, stumbled and fell wth his face into the kennell, and al to bemi'd himselfe therein : At rising vp againe, he turn'd round about vnto the people, and said : *ſe, ſe* (ſirs) I had almoſt had a fall.

A Gent. riding through a billage, aſkt a Country-man what a clocke it was : he answered, clocke ſir : we haue none, but yet we haue a payze of Organs.

A Country-man lying vpon his death-bed, ſaid : Poſt thanks be to God that he takes me away befoze Apzill and May.

A Felkon that was hang'd, was carted backe againe to the towne to be buried, and a many boyes ſtood gazing vpon the coarſe : By chance a plaine fellow of the countrey comming by, and ſeeing them ſo gaze, ſaid vnto them : Away, away, (ſirs) foꝛ ſhaine, you are able to put the honeſt man beſides his wits, to gape and gaze ſo on him.

A Widow Farmerelle in a plentifull yeare of coꝛne, had much in her barne, and much in her garners : A Creditoꝛ of hers came then to demaund the debt of her, and ſhe answered : God ſaith (neighbour foꝛ my ſinnes it is come to paſſe that coꝛne is this yeare ſo excedding good cheape, that the deu'll a peny can I take foꝛ any.

A Trauailer being come to a pond aſk'd a country man thereby whether it were paſſable oꝛ no : who answered yea (ſir) you may very well : with that the trauailer plunging there into, ſtocke faſt, had much adoe to get out againe, but at laſt getting out, he al to rated the poꝛe Swaine, & would haue beaten him, who answered, Truly (ſir) all my neighbour Balls Gaſe and mine paſſe ouer it euery day.

A Plaine fellow toke vp an Aſſe at truſt of his neighbour foꝛ certaine months, at ſixe Crownes pꝛice : It chanced within that time the Aſſe died, and he not being able to pay the debt, fled the country and embark'd foꝛ India : Where hauing remain'd the ſpace of ſeauen yeares, at laſt home againe he return'd worth 2000. Crownes : and landing at Ciuill, wrote a letter from thence to his wife, declaring both his returne and his riches : She in her anſwere thereof aduiſ'd him (if he meant to come to her) in any caſe to doe it very

very pitiuily, for that the owner of the foresaid Ass was yet lining.

Ald woman of the cuntry being suspected for a witch, was highly offended thereat, and on a time said to one of her Gossips: Now and pleas'd God (Gossip) would I were a witch indeed for their sakes, for then should I soone be rid out of this wicked world, and of all their slander.

Agent meeting on the way certaine Swaines driving Oxen on a May-morning, said vnto them: What meane you (Girs) to trauaile this day being May-day? If you care not to keepe it holy-day for S. Phillip & S. Jacobs sake, yet at leastwise doe it for the May-poles sake.

Arich Farmer comming to pay his land-lord much rent, by chance a neighbour of his meeting him at the doore, & knowing his businesse, said vnto him: You enter in like your selfe, but you shall come out like S. Farnis.

ACollier selling a sacke of coales to a Cittizens wife, by chance an old frying-pan lay by: Then she asking him whether his coales were Waken-coales or no, he straight tooke vp the said frying-pan & gaue it her in her hand, saying frpe some of them and you shall see.

ACountry-man was lopping of a tree, and down he fell and broke his necke: The clowne his man straight ran home, and told his dame of it, and telling her a long tale, both how he aduis'd him to stand fast, and how dangerously he stood vpon the tree, and how he fell downe with the Axe in his hand, at last he concluded: And I assure you (dame) it was afaire grace of God that he cut not himselfe with the Axe.

APlaine Country fellow being to trauaile home-ward from the Tearme, and passing along London streets, ask'd of the shop-men and others whome he met, which was the way to Wakefield?

ACountry maid comming to market, her mare stumbled in the market-place, and downe she fell ouer and ouer, shewing all that euer God sent her, and then at rising vp againe, she turn'd her round about vnto the people, and said: (Girs) did you euer see the like before?

A Gent. asking a plaine fellow of the country in a rany Amozning whether he thought it would not proue a faire day for all that : *Harry* sir (he answered) that shall I shew you at night.

Iohn a Nokes was driuing his cart toward Croydon, and by the way fell asleepe therein : Meane time a good fellow came by and stole away his two horses, & went faire away with them : In th'end he awaking and missing them said : Either I am Iohn a Nokes, or I am not Iohn a Nokes : If I am Iohn a Nokes then haue I lost two horses, & if I be not Iohn a Nokes then haue I found a cart.

A Gallant alighting at a country-Inne, tooke his horse to a country-man to walke, who seeing so braue a horse, & so richly trapped, ask'd the Gallant whether (and liked his worzship) it were one mans labour to walke so trim a horse as that : *Pea* (answered the Gallant) I warrant thee one man alone may doe it : Say you so sir : (reply'd the peasant) then hold here, you may euen walke him your selfe.

ACroydon collier had cuckolded a lubberly gallant, who coming home within an houre or two after, and hearing thereof, straight remounted his horse, & would needs after the Collier, to kill God a merry on his soule : And ouertaking him thre or foure miles out of towne, there drew & made towards him resolutely to kill him : But the Collier leaping quickly from off his Curtaille, stood to his tacklings at the whips end, & behau'd himselfe so valiantly therewith, that the cuckoldes pottage was sone col'd, and his heart began to faint : Then there he paus'd and panted a while, and ask'd the Collier whether it were true indeede that he had laine with his wife : The Collier frankly confess that he did it : With that the Chicken-hearted Cuckold peaceably put by his blade, & said vnto him : Gogs notons (villaine) hadst thou not confess the truth (befoze God) I had cut off thy head.

A Country woman dwelling vpon Seuerne-bankes, and being with childe, sodainely long'd to haue the streame of that river turne th'other way, and long'd so extreamely to see it, that there in that very place she fell in labour, & was brought

brought a bed of a Salmon. Such being her husbands name.

A Country Vicar preaching to his Parishioners against the excelle and vanity of apparrell that is now a daies vsed, compared womens Hardingales to hell, and mens Coddycres to the deuill, and concluded : Now put that Deuill in that Hell, and (behold) hee's where he would be.

One meeting a Welshman carrying a Hare at his back, ask'd him how he would sell it, he answered : I will not sell it, but giue me a shilling and take it,

A Countrey woman shent her daughter for gadding by and downe among Ale-houses, and she answered : Indæd (mother) I cannot blame you though you be icalous of me, for that I haue often heard it that I was your daughter afoze euer you were married to my father.

A Countrey man standing at a marke, an arrow lighted on his nose and spitted it thzough : At last the Archer comming to the marke to take by his arrow, the swaine met him with it in his hand, and ask'd him whether it were his arrow : Pea (he answered) where had ye it : Marie see here (reply'd the swaine) poynting to his nose : You haue made me a proper nose so you haue : Indæd if you serue me so any moze I'll breake your arrow.

A Ale-house growne came to a Gentlemans house in the Chriſtmas time, and there in the hall fell a playing on his bag-pipe, the Gentleman passing by, he ask'd him how his worship lik'd his musicke: he answered: Parry not halfe so well as in an Ale-house.

A Countrey woman was commending what a godly childe God had sent her neighbour that night, and said: It is euen as godly a childe (God blesse it) as the Queene and the Counsell.

One saying to a Countrey man, faith (neighbour) if you marry Iugge you may chance to repent it, for that (I assure you) she is a whetw dwench, and hath stomack inough: he answered, Tut (man) stomack me no stomaches, she shall want for no Bacon.

A Countrey man passing through a Streete in London, stumbled and his taile fell to the ground : A Whetwise

seeing it, fell a laughing, and said : *Sir*, *see* (fellow) how fine London is, it breeds no such swaines as you: with that the Countrey-man turn'd backe, and answered , As fine as it is, it hath kiss my taile for this once.

A Swaine saying to his wife that she had as many liues as a Cat, she answered : And you but one, and too many by that.

A Countrey-man passing along the stræte, met with a Car, and the horse spying his bounding beard, snap'd at it in stead of a bottle of hay, then the Countrey-man said : The deu'll take thee: who made thee a Barber?

A Countrey-man had kill'd a Hare sitting, and because it was Lent, he knew not whome to giue it, and himselfe was no Lolarde neither : So being grievously perplex'd about the matter, in the end he spy'd a shepherd on the downe, and went and offered it him, but the shepherd would likewise none of it, because it was Lent, and bid him keepe it to himselfe : With that the Swaine being at his wits end how to bestowe it, repented that euer he kill'd it, and would needes haue gone backe againe and laid it where he kill'd it; But at last (to saue a labour) he offered the shepherd six pence to take it.

A Countrey-man came by to the Tearme, and went to a Lawier (a friend of his) for his aduice in law, offering him a fee, which the Lawyer refused, in respect he was his neere neighbour, and a good fellow : Then the Countrey-man said vnto him well (Sir) since you will take no fee of me, I hope when you come downe into the Countrey you will not refuse a Cony, or such a trifle at my hands : I (answered the Lawyer) a Cony or such a thing I care not if I take. Say you so sir : (reply'd the Swaine) I promise you that's more then I and my dog can doe.

Two Swaines were a brawling, and th'one of them being quick of hand, toke th'other a foule cuffe on the eare, and fell d him, who at rising vp said : Faith thou art a skurvie fellow, so thou art, canst thou not brawle but thou must smite too : I could haue brawld with thee a whole day together befoze euer I would haue smitten thee.

A Countrey Parson preaching vnto his Parishioners, said : Neither by Peter nor yet by Paule are we to be saued, but by Gods blood onely : they all answered , Oh sweare not. Then hee proceeded, and said : Nay, by Gods death then you are all to be saued, and no otherwise : they all answered againe, Oh sweare not. Then he adioyned : Yes by Gods wounds and his passion onely you are to be saued, and if you thinke otherwise you lie, and are deceiued : And therefore tell not me of swearing, for I tell you againe, and againe, that by Gods death, Gods blood, his woundes, and his passion onely, and no otherwise, ye are to be saued. And so the sermon ended.



OF FELLONS AND THEEVES.

A Braue Thiefe that vs'd the high wayes about Toledo, it was his custome alwaies to share with the party whom he robb'd the one halfe of the bottie : And chancing one morning to rob a poore fellowe, who had but eighteen pence in all the world, they wanted a single threepence to make euen money: the poore fellow then to be out of his clutches, offered him the said threepence : but he refused it, saying : Nay, hold thou it, and God helpe me with that I haue already.

TWO Theeues were apprehended for a robbery, and being tormentted to confesse the fact, the one did so, and was hanged : The other indured most horrible paines, and neuer would confesse any thing, notwithstanding the most plaine proofes that were produced against him. Now, the law of Spayne is, that if a man by extremity of torture, cannot be brought to confesse his felonious fact, hee to be absol'd, notwithstanding what euident matter soeuer come in against him. This Fellow being then absol'd, & set at liberty, chanced to be certaine dayes after, in the company of some his good friends, and they meruailling how in so cloare a case as that, he had the good hap to scape the gallowes : he answered :

Mary thus : My fellow and I (whiles belined) made this covenant betwene vs, that whosoener of vs (as we traueled on the way) should first chance to discouer an Ale-house, he to pay the whole shot, and the other to goe scot-free. Now (as ye all know) hee discouered first and swilshly, and so hath paid the shot for vs both.

A Fellow was to suffer death at Granada townes end, and being carted on the way to execution, a Swaine met him and said. Brother, now that you goe to dye, for Gods sake discharge your conscience, and tell me what is become of my Hule. The Fellow answered: Now befoze God (villaine) thou lyest: The Fryer (his ghostly father) seeing such his impatience, rebuked him gently, and bid him be of a better minde. But anon after, the Swaine brynging him for his Hule as befoze, the Fellow all in a rage answered; I tell thee (villaine) if I had thee in any other place but here, (by Iesus) I would teare thy eares from thy head. Then the Fryer said vnto him: He, he, what a minde is this you beare? Belæue me, if I heare any moze such bugges woordes come from you, I will euen turne backe and leaue you to die as please God: Mary, get you gone with a vengeance (answered the Fellow) what (a Deuill) make ye here? As little care I for your company, as for this cart: And foule befall him that sent me this way.

A Smith had slaine one, and was to be condemn'd for the fact: Then his Parishioners came in and besought the Iudge to spare him, affirming that they had no moze smithes but him, nor any one nere them of many a mile: They further allcadged, that besides he was a good Farrier, he could also make lockes and keyes, and all manner of Ironage belonging either to cart or plough: Whereunto the Iudge answered: My maisters, I haue heard your allegations, but on the other side, a man is slaine, and how shall Iustice then be perfozmed? They reply'd: Marie, and like your Lordship, we haue here a couple of Aleauers amongst vs, and one of them will serue our turnes well ynough, we pray you therefore, hang the other Aleauer, and saue the Smith.

A fellow being carted away toward the gallowes, a country-man of his met him, & said: Why whether away (Country-man) what all a la mort? I faith (he answered) euen to ponder to townes end, to end a pibble-prabble matter.

A furtherer being condemn'd to die, said: When I am once dead, some good body make dice of my bones.

A olde woman was whipt at a carts taile for baudery and witchcraft: and after all was done, the Beadle demanded of her his fees and charges: Namely, he reckoned vnto her (amongst other things) what the paper & the picture she wore on her forehead cost him. To deare a paper (said the Witch) but take thy reckoning now, and keepe that paper till the next time.

A Doctor of Physicks man was apprehended for felony, and being ask'd by the Justice whome he would chuse to be his Surgion in the paines he was to abide, till he had confest the fact, he answered: My Painter, because I know him to be both a good Physitian, & a good Surgion. Whereupon the Doctor standing by, then said vnto him: Loe here my Surgery then: Hold thy mouth close and blinde a Gods name.

A Passenger complain'd to a Captaine how certaine his Souldiours had robbed him of all that cuer he had. Whereunto the Captaine answered: Tell me (friend) wore you that doublet when they robb'd you? he answered, Yea: Then get you gone (said the Captaine) for well I wot had they bene my Souldiours, they would haue left you neuer a rag to your backe.

A Murderer being condemn'd to die said vnto the Judges faith (sirs) I see you would make a proper peece of worke of it, if a matter of waight lay on your hands, that thus for a trifle condemns me to die.

A fellow being burned in the hand for his first offence, one ask'd him certaine daies after how he had sped? he answered: Spary the whole matter was referred euen to my owne handling.

A Russian and a queane were to be whipt at a carts taile in Ciuill: and the wench being brought forth of the Tayle,

Jayle, and meeting her said mate at the cart before her, said vnto him: For your sake (Sir knaue) come I hether to be whipt, and dishonored to day: he answered: Gogs notwones (whoze) and where am I, I pray thee?

A fellow being to be turn'd off the ladder, call'd for a glasse of wine, and receiuing the cup, he blew off the froth, and said: Oh, it is nought for the raines of my backe.

A fellow being to suffer, a maide came to the gallowes to beg him for her husband, according as the custome of Spaine dispenceth in that case: The people seeing this, said vnto the fellow. Now praise God, that he hath thus mercifully preferu'd thee, & see thou euer make much of this kinde woman, that so friendly saues thy life: With that the fellow biewing her, and seeing a great skarre in her face, which did greatly disfigure her, a long nose, thin lipps and of a sotoze complexion, hee said vnto the Hangman: On my good friend) doe thy dutie: I'le none of her.

A fellow being brought to the Sessions-house for a robbery, and being convicted of the fact, and vpon the point to receiue Iudgement, the Judge ask'd him, what hee could say for himselfe, he answered: And like your honour, I thought they were Papists goods.

A fellow being to be throwne off the ladder, said to the people: Haue at ponder Daylie.

A fellow that had lost one of his eares for his former fact and was condemn'd the second time to lose the other, his haire was so ouer growne, and hung so wildly about his face, that the Hang man could not readily finde his eare, and was thereat halfe angrie: Which the fellow seeing, was no lesse collericke, & said: Gogs nailes (villaine) am I bound to finde thee eares euery Sessions?

Two Thieves came by night to rob a Merchants Shop, and it chanced that a boy lay there that night, who ouer hearing their attempt, said vnto them: Sirs, get you gone, and come againe anon, for I am not yet asleepe.

A Officer passing along the stræte in an euening, saw thre or foure good fellows carrying a chest, & certaine loose plate out of a house: & he ask'd them whose goods they were?

were: they answered: Of yonder house where you saw vs come out, which we carry to another house, because the good man there is euen now dead of the plague, & his householdes remoues forth-with: Then the Officer ask'd them how it chanced that none of the house stood weeping at the streete-doores (such being the Spanishe manner in that case) they answered: I warrant yee you shall see weeping eyes ynowe there to morrow, and so he did indeede: For walking that way in the morning, he saw the good-wife weeping at her doore for the losse of her plate and other rich goods, which they carried away in that chest.

O He did a robbery in one shiere, and was taken in another, and being brought befoze the Iustice there, the Iustice thought good to returne him backe againe to the other shiere where he committed the robbery: Whereupon the theefe said vnto him: I pray (sir) if that be the Law, let me aske you one question: How if a man be taken abed too night with his neighbours wife, ought he to be sent thither againe the next night too?

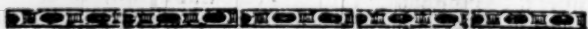
A Fellow at the barre pleading eagerly in his defence, and seeing the Iudge busie in talke, with one that came & deliuer'd him a message, said vnto him: I pray (my Lord) tend to your Iustice, and let that knaue alone till another time: Whereunto the Iudge answered: Feare not (sir knaue) I warrant you I'll see to you well ynowe: The felon reply'd, I had rather you did not see me at all, but seeing you doe, I had rather you saw me lesse, and heard me more.

A Country-man being set vpon by a theefe, was so light of foote, that he seap'd away from him: Which the theefe perceiuing, and being quite out of hope to ouertake him, stood still, & fell extreamly a laughing to himselfe: The country-man then turning back, and seeing him so merry, thought haply that he was some olde acquaintance of his growne out of remembrance, that in iest had all that while pursu'd him: and in that conceipt came towards him, & still the theefe laugh'd more and more, as seeming his acquaintance: Insomuch as the plaine fellow suspecting no danger, came within his danger, & fairely lost his purse.

A Scholler being to be hang'd, for robbing his father in lawe, at the very instant that he was to be throtlene off the ladder, said: *Dulci mori pro Patria.*

A Fellow at the barre saying to a pitifull Judge: And like your honour, the thing I am here accus'd of, was not woorth about a Crowne in my conscience: With that the Judge turn'd him to the Jurie, and said: Heare ye not (irs) what the pooze fellow saith: he saith it was not woorth a bone a Crowne: And I say vnto you that a mans life is moze woorth then 20. Crownes.

A Fellow at the gallows said vnto the Hang-man: Willie, better yet be hang'd, then bee a Hang-man, like thee: true (answered the Hangman) were it not for hanging.



OF CONY-CATCHERS.

A Perry Gent. landing at a sea-towne in this land, and lying there in an Inne at greater charge then his present indigence could defray, bid his man in a morning goe doونه and mal-content himselfe before the Hostie and Hostesse, and mumblingly to say: Lord what a scalde Paister doe I serue! This it is to serue such Seminary Priests and Iesuites: Now (before God) I leaue him in the lurch, and gift for my selfe: Her's a doe about Penance and Portification, as though (foolish) the Lord had not died enough for all. The fellow mumbled out these his instructions so disguisedly, that it strooke a constant iea-lousie in the Inholders heart, that (questionles) his maister was such a kinde of person indeede, namely a Seminary or a Iesuite Priest: Whereupon he presently sent for the Constable, told him all the premisses, and by they went together to attach the Gent. in his chamber, who purposely had shut himselfe close in, and betaken himselfe to his knees, & to his crosses, to make the matter seeme moze suspicious: Which they espying through the key-hole, made then no question.

question of him, but in they rush'd and arrested him for a Seminary Priest, defray'd his score there, bore his and his mans charges by to London, and there presented him before my last Lord Bishop; Now marke the iest. My Lord knew the Gentleman passing well, entertain'd him with good respect, and discharg'd him presently out of their hands: Who straight poynting, and broad iesting at such their folly, taught them by such a president more wit, and thurst against the next time.

A Plaine Cony-catcher not knowing where to goe dyne went to the Sheriffe of London about dinner tyme, and espying his oportunity, stept to him and said: I pray you (Sir) what may a wedge of Gold thus long be worth: The Sheriffe straight thinking that he had found some such great peece, tooke him by the hand, had him in to dinner with him, and caru'd him of the choisest meates vpon the board: In the end after dinner was done, the Cony-catcher arose with the rest, and after hauing reuerendly thanked the Sheriffe for his good chere, offred to be gone: With that the Sheriffe call'd him backe againe, and question'd him aside about the foresaid wedge of Gold, affirming, that if he would sell it, he would giue him more for it then any man: Then the full-belli'd fellow belching in the Sheriffes face, answered: In sooth (Sir) I thanke you, I haue no such matter, onely I thought good to aske you afoze-hand what such a wedge might be worth, if in case I should hereafter chance to finde any such to bring you.

A Cony-catcher hauing made merry in an Inne, & wanting wherewith to discharge the Host, stop'd ouer the way to a Barbers Shop, and would needs be trim'd, the Barber trim'd him, and when he had done, the Cony-catcher, tooke a Lute of his in his hand, and began to fumble thereon, and fumbled himselfe quight out of doores, bidding the Barber to come after him to breakfast, where he would discharge both him and his Hostesse all-together: The Barber belau'd him, and let him haue away his Lute with him, & by reason he staid somewhat long after, the Cony-catcher in the meane time left the said Lute in pawne for his good chere,

cheere, and rid cleane away.

THe said Cony-catcher making merry with a wench in a Tauerne, and wanting money (as afoze) to discharge the reckoning, sent for Musitions to play to him as he was at dinner, and after dinner was done, sent away the wench priuily vnder colour to call for a reckoning, he only and the musitions remain'd there: Anon after seeming to meruaile why she staid so long, he said vnto the Musitions: Play on (Girs) a while, till I goe downe and see what the matter is that they are so long about the reckoning, He come againe presently. So downe he went, and they belowe suspecting no such matter, by reason they heard the musitions still playing aboue, he making as though he would but step aside to make water, stunk quite and cleane away, leauing Musicke only to pay the shot.

Two Cony-catchers came in an euening to a Tauerne, & watching their opportunity, th'one of them slipt off his cloake to his fellow, & tucking on an apron befoze him, slept into a lower roome where certaine Gent. were at supper, & in semblance of a seruant of the house, whipt away a rich salt from off the table, vnder colour and request that he might haue it for certaine Knights, who (he said) were then come thether to supper, leauing a pewter one in lieu of it, and so slipt cleane away therewith, and was neuer heard of moze.

A Merchant sate in a sommers euening at his street doze, and a cony-catcher came in the semblance of a ciuill Tailor, & doing obeisance vn to him, offered to step into his house: the Merchant asking him what he would, he answered: And please you (sir) your High will'd me to fetch a gowne of hers to mend, I pray, can ye tell if she be within: Goe in and see (answered the Merchant.) So in went the cony-catcher, and meeting with one of the Merchants men, tolde him that he came for one of his maisters gownes to mend, nam'd the gowne, and wil'd him to deliuer it him presently: The fellow belauing him, the rather because his maister sate at the doze, and saue him come in, and it was also likely that he would not so peremptorily demaund it but vpon a good ground, deliuer'd him the gowne without any moze adoe, whg

who straight whipt out of doores with it vnder the Merchant's nose, giuing him onely a cogging Conge, and a bare By your leaue (sir) as he passed by.

A Cony-catcher looking in the night time in at a Gent. chamber window, fastned his hooke by chance vpon his bed clothes, wherewith the Gent. awaking, and perceiuing what the matter was, holpe the Cony-catcher softly to vnfasten his hooke, and withall tooke holde of it with his hand, permitting himselfe as it were to be drawne by it : The cony-catcher thinking he had fastned vpon a prize, drew still, and still the Gent. followed his twitches, till at last the Cony-catcher thinking to vnfasten the baite, the Gent. caught him by the hand, and with his dagger would haue stab'd him had he not cry'd Peccaui : So was this Cony-catcher catch'd in his owne trapne.

A Seruing-man sayling to win a Farmers faire daughter by faire meanes, deuic'd to rauish her, and thus he did it: The maid went euery night to milke her fathers Cow in a rough ground full of Bushes and Birtches, and to the end she might the more readilier finde out the Cow at nights, had ty'd a bell about the necke of it : The Seruing-man knowing her milking houre, stole to the place afoze, & toke off the Cow-bell from the Cow, and when he heard the maid was come, he tinkled it still befoze her from bush to bush, till at last he drew her by the sound thereof into a secure place of the wood, and there won her to his villany.

A infinite of Emmets lay vpon a Vine-yard, and soze spoyl'd the Vines : A Begger by chance conning that way, and hearing thereof, vnder-tooke only for ten daies victuals to destroy them all: Then made he a little leather bag, and sow'd within it a scrowle, as it might seme a Charme. and buried it in the highest plot of the Vine-yard, and so let it lie. At the ten daies end away he got him, and was neuer sene more of them, glad that he had so wel victual'd himselfe at a soles charge : At last the bag being taken out of the earth, & vnript, the scrowle there inclosed was to this effect.

You that are Cookes, learne yee all of mee,
To fall to your victuals, when you haue it free.

OF BEGGERS.

One offered a Begger a benefite, and he of daintinesse refus'd it: Then th' other ask'd him whether he could bestow such another benefit on him; Oh no (he answered) I am not so able, would I were: Then hold here (reply'd the other) refuse not a benefit at thy betters hand, who can, and will afford it thee.

A Poorer Scholler beg'd of a Scottish Quene her gracious liberality, saying *Pauper sum*: The Quene answered: *Pauper ubique iacet*: The Scholler reply'd:

*In thalamis (Regina) tuis hac nocte iacerem,
Si verum hoc esset: Pauper ubique iacet.*

A Constable ask'd a poorer fellow on the way whereof he lived: He answered: If your question were whereof I die, I could better resolve you, for I die of hunger.

A Gentleman gaue a Begger a penny, and the Begger said: What: such a Gentleman as you giue a poorer man but a penny: One penny more to your poorer brother for Gods sake. Thy brother (quoth the Gent.) how so: Mary in Adam (answered the Begger.) With that the Gentleman laugh'd, and reply'd: If all thy brothers in Adam would giue thee but as much, thou wouldst sone be the richest Prince in the whole world.

Certaine waggies were beholding a faire Gentlewoman at a window, and one of them said sirs, I suppose there is none of vs all but would willingly palone his cloake for a nights lodging with yonder Gent. By chance a lame Begger stood by, and ouerhearing him say so, stept in and said: I and thether should my crutches goe too.

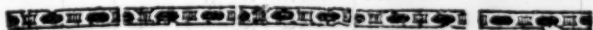
A Charitable person passing by a poorer creature that lay in the street all full of sores & byles, did away the flies with his cloake from off his body: Whereupon the Begger said: Sir you wrong me with your charity, for these flies were

wers almost full with my blood, and sting me the lesse: whereas now new hungry ones will light in their places, & sting me sore.

A Spiser misusing a poore creature in tearmes: The poore man said: I may be rich, and you may be poore: I may rise, and you may fall, for you are high and I am lowe.

A Begger about London craning peoples deuotions: At night comming to a victualing-house where many of his companions resorted, and hauing cal'd for foure pots for his share, dyetw sworth a groat saying: Wany a scurvy fellow, & many an ill-fac'd woman, haue I cal'd honest Gent. & sweet-fac'd Gentlewoman (this day) for this groat.

A Spanishe Doulbioner returning from the rich warres of Lumbardy, being but a beggers sonne, and bozne in a most barrain heath, where was not so much as water many a mile off, & where dwel'd only some halfe dozen shepheards and Colliers besides his Father, the richest of them being scarce worth thre farthings: This Gallant thus slantingly return'd home to Spaine, & recounting the rich warres of Lumbardy in all places where he came, was asked why he would leaue such gallant wars & come home: he answered: the lous of my country.



Wits, Fits, and Fancies.

The sixt part.

OF AEQVIVOCATES IN SPEACH.

He said to an olde Forrester, faith you are a Senex Fornicator: The Forrester asked him what that was: he answered: An olde Forrester: True (said the Forrester) indeed such a one haue I bene these full five and fifty yeares.

O He throw stones at an yll-favour'd old womans Dile
and the old woman said : faith (sir knave) you are
well occupy'd, to throw stones at my poore Dile, that doth
you no harme, Hea mary (answered the wag) so would you
be better occupy'd too (I wisse) if you were young againe, &
had a better face.

A Gentleman taking his leave of a Gentlewoman, said :
may it please you to will me any service ? She answered :
No, I doe not yet make my will.

A Gent. whose Mistresse name was Field, saying in a
mojning to a friend of his : See how I am all bedew'd
with comming over yonder field : The other answered : Wa-
ther is it with lying all night in the field.

O He Beast was suspected to have cowardly beaten and
briused a weaponlesse poore-fellow by night, & he stout-
ly denyng it before a Justice, a Gentleman that stood by
said : Out of doubt if a beast did it not, it was done like a
Beast, who ere did it.

Certaine Gentlewomen wher eating of a Posset, & they
all commended how good it was : A Gentleman of the
company for contradiction sake said : No it is not good :
Whereunto one of the Gentlewomen answered : You say
what it is not, but you doe not say what it is.

A Gentlewoman that had two Paramours, the one cal-
led Spot, the other Fuller : One merrily said of her, ha-
ving a Fuller, I meruaile she can haue ere a Spot.



EXTRAVAGANT SPEACH.

O He being in danger of drowning, another standing
on the shore said vnto him : Get to yonder stooping
tree, and you are safe : Tut, (he answered) tell not
me of getting or gaining, for I care but only to save my selfe
at this time.

A Spanish Gent. looking out at his window after a corpse
that was carried out of his house to be buried, said :

Wh

Oh, how hard a matter were it to thrust me out of house, seeing to carry a dead man hence is foure mens trauaile :

A Spaniard seeing in a towne of Flanders all the Saints Images defac'd and broken, & anon after noting in the streets a many faire houses doونه, the chinnepes onely standing, said : It had bene mete when these ruines were a doing, that the Priests had conuay'd the Saintes into these chinnepes, and the Cittizens their houses into the Church for Sanctuary. Whereunto another adioyn'd : Thus you see where Lutheranes preuaile Saintes goe to worcke.

One being ask'd what he made in those parts: he answered, I haue not done any good deeds to be yet in heauen.

A Father comming to see his sonne best of a wound in the face, said : It would not haue greeu'd me halfe so much if it had bene in the arme, or in the legge, or in any other place but there : the sonne answered : Oh father receiuer are no chosers.

One asking one whether his brother were yet alive: he answered : No, nothing liuely, but a very Lubber.

A Widow Gentlewoman fearing least her leane sonne might haply conuerse ouermuch a nights with his faire Wife, and thereby incurre a consumption, h'd often times to send him abroad about her businesse some three or foure daies together, & so many nights : Which the yong Gentlewoman his wife toke very unkindly at her hands: insomuch as on a time her husband being from home, and she looking out at a window, and chancing to see a many Sparrowes sitting in a bush, she skar'd them all away, saying : Faith (Sparrowes) you had best be gone, least my mother in law come and send you going with a witnesse.

A Recusant making water against a Church-wall, the Church-warden seeing it, excepted thereunto, as prophanely done. Whereunto he answered : It is my Church, not yours.

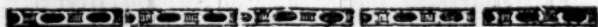
A kind wife followed her husband to the galloies, & he requesting her not to trouble her selfe any further, she answered : Ah yes (deere husband) now that I am come thus far, saith I'll see you hang'd too (God willing) before I goe.

A Cooke seeing his fat wife sit strabbling at the shop dore, said vnto her: Fie on thee (Slut) shut vp that shop of thine. The good wife answered. The deuill take him that hath the key and doth it not.

One saying to his neighbour that he had a Dope in his belly, he answered: Better so yet, then a deuill in my heart.

Bishop Gardener seeing one of his men wait at the board, with a monstrous great Godpée pickt full of pinnes on the top, tooke a peece of bread and crumbled it towards him, saying: Cob, Cob, come Cob, Cob.

A Wench saying to one, Thou art an errand knaue, so thou art, to vse me so behinde my backe. By chance one comming by, & ouer-hearing it, said: Belike you would haue had it in your belly.



OF EVASIONS AND EXCV.

ses in speech.

A Weauer that vs'd to steale more yearne then his lawfull allowance, had a priuy place in his house where to hide it, which he cal'd hell: He whensoever any of his customers charg'd him with any such theft, vs'd thus to protest and sweare: If I haue any more then my due now I pray God in hell I may finde it.

At the change of Religion here in England, one Doctor Morgan was depel'd from his cure, to giue place to the Ministry. It chanced that being invited certaine daies after to a dinner, whereat were present certaine Iustices & a many other worshipfull guests, he thus at dinner time mumbled vnto himselfe: And is it euen so Morgan? Faith haue they so hardly dealt with thee: well (I assure them) it shall cost many a mans life for it, ere I haue done. Such his mumblement being ouer-heard, came afterwards in question to his danger, as seeming to procede of a treasonable discontent with the present State: and being brought to his answers,

answere, he thus iustified his speech, saying : I confesse I spake the wordes, and it is true that the losse of my Venifice is like to cost manie a mans life : For hauing now no other trade to liue by, then Physicke (wherein as yet I am altogether vnshulsfull,) it is likely that my too timely practise will be the death of many a one.

A Had-man runnt into a chamber with a drawne sword : And finding one there a bed, would haue slaine him, saying : Villaine, were it not valiantly done to strike off thy knaues head at one blow : Th' other answered : Tut (Sir) that's nothing with your worship to doe, you can as easilie strike off two heads at one blow as one : Wherefoze, if you please, I le goe downe and call by another, that you may strike off both our heads at once : The Had-man bekleu'd him, and so let him slip away.

A Noble man in this land call'd a Doctoꝝ errand knaue, and the Doctoꝝ answered : Good (my Lord) I would be loth to be so errand a knaue as your Lordship. (And here at he made a pause, as faining to spee, and then adioyned,) Takes me to be.

A Widow Gentlewoman suspecting that a young Gallant, who was a suter to her faire daughter, had priuily deflower'd her, and in that respect, vnlesse he would take a booke-oath to the contrary, she swoze that would giue no portion with her : The Gent. knowing himselfe guilty, took the Testament in his hand, and thus aenigmatically swoze : I heere protest by the holy contents of this booke befoze you, that neuer in all my life, did I knowe this Gentlewoman your daughter carnally, as you or any other may imagine, but (indeede) I confesse, I kist her, and imbrac'd her, and toy'd with her, as I haue done with many Gentlewomen more in my daies, and yet neuer any dishonesty came of it.

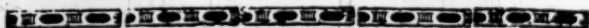
O He being reprehended so; liuing all to sloathfully : he answered : We are not bound to giue accompt of our oath, but of our labours.

O He saying to a Gent. Sir, it were very good you tolde such a one of his faults, that he may amend them : He answered : It is ynough that I thinke him a knaue, though

though I tell him not so to his face.

Ope saying to a Gent. Faith, hauing so much intrest in
 þ. as you haue, mé thinks you might easily bypde
 his passions: he answered, I am no Hoyle-courser.

A Clowne hauing surfeited of Wese, and being there-
 with extream sick, vow'd neuer whiles he liu'd to eat
 Wese more, if it pleased God he might escape for that once:
 Shortly after hauing his perfect health againe, he would
 néedes haue eaten Wese, and his sister putting him in minde
 of his vow, he answered: True (sister) not without mu-
 stard, (god L.) not without mustard.



SENCE REVERSED BY IDEN-

titie of speech.

A Woze Carpenter, yet a good work-man, was imploi'd
 to the building of a Bridge, wherein he became so
 good a gainer, that it set him vp for euer. And in one
 of the maine postes thereof he had engrauen these
 wordes: (Sanchio Rodriguez made this Bridge.) Another
 came after, and wrote vnderneath with a coale. (This
 Bridge made Sanchio Rodriguez.)

Ope called another foole, who answered: Indæde, so
 may I séeme, because I speake in such sozt as you may
 vnderstand me.

Ope chiding his sonne for lying long a bed a mornings,
 told him that such a one with rising early in a morning
 chanced to finde a bag of Gold: The sonne answered: To
 early rose he (Father) that lost it.

A Gentleman leading a faire Gentlewoman by the hand
 through a darke ruinous rōme, said vnto her: Lord,
 what a sweet rōme were this, were not you in it? She an-
 swered: A sweet rōme were this, were not you in it.

A Prentise hearing a Tinker crying in the street, (Haue
 you any worke for a Tinker) bid him goe to Banbery:
 The Tinker answered: I, there (boy) belike thy Father
 was

was hang'd : he reply'd, Why would he be a Tinker then.

O He seeing an olde Petty fogger in the stræte, wryting
downe a memoꝛandum in his note booke, said vnto
him : Why how now (Grandfire) What a scribbling make
you there ? he answered : I register such knaues as you.



OF IMPROPER SPEECH.

O He bid an improper tearme to a Falkoner, saying,
that his Hooke dung'd : The Falkoner told him,
that he hold haus said, Guted : Anon after this
fellow stumbled, and fell into a Cow-mare, and the Falko-
ner asking him how he came so beray'd ; he answered, In a
Cow mute.

A Country Gent. going to buy Hogges, some five or six
myles from home, came to a Farmers house, who had
some to sell, and chancing on the sudden to see his fair daugh-
ter as he entred in at the doze, he mistooke his tearmes, and
said vnto her : If Hogges you bring forth, they must nedes
be faire Hogges : He would haue said : If you bring forth
these Hogges to see, they must nedes be faire Hogges.

O He asking a friend of his in a deare yeare, how he li-
ued : the other answered : In truth, I now liue by the
ayze, like a Sturgeon.

D Puers being talking of the wits and policies of men,
and who was a most exact Polititian : A plaine fellow
standing by, said : Well, you may talke what you will : But
there is not a better Magitian for the common-wealth, then
maister M. I dare assure you.

O He telling a plaine fellow, that diuers were in such a
place talking euill of him, he said : And that I had now
but an Inuincible cloake, that I might but stand amongst
them and not be sene.

O He was a boasting how little he fear'd the Plague,
and said : Elers I to goe to the Deuill, I would neuer
feare the Plague.

A Country-man being at the Tearne, and hearing much rumour that my Lord of Lecester had won a Sconce in the Low countries, told his neighbours for newes when he came home, that my L. of Lecester had won a Lanterne.

A Plaine fellow came to borrow his neighbours Woe, and asked him what he would doe with it : he answered : Marry, to take his pleasure of my Sowe.

A Country-man sent his sonne, with a Basket full of Chickens to his Land-Lady, and the S waine to be very fine, said : Distresse, my father hath sent you here a nest of Weps.

A Scowld was a saying, what a skurvie knave is he to use me so behinde my backe : A Gentleman by chance passing by, and over hearing it, answered : Well might he so doe, all were he not skurvie.

OF EMBLEMES POESIES AND

Endorcements.

The Marques of Cortese wanted to say, that he that wants friends is like a Hony combe without honny, an eare without coyne, a tree without fruite,

A Religious Dame caus'd her picture to be drawne, holding her little Childe in one hand, and a Bible in the other, and over the Bible was writtten my Ioy, and over the Childe, my Comfort.

A Gentlewoman was reading the poesie of another gentlewoman's ring, and it was, God helpe me. A third Gentlewoman standing by, ask'd her what it was : She answered : A very paltrie one.

DOn Aluarò de Ayala gaue the halfe Spone in his Crest, & a Page of his saying it engrauen vpon a wall, wrote vnderneath it with a coale, *Nunca llena* : viz. Be it neuer at full : His Paister checking him therefore, and asking him why he wrote so he answered : Marie (Sir) because the Spone being once at full, of force it must decrease.

A Poet

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A new married Bride had her picture drawne, holding in her hand ouer-thwart her belly, a Bay-branch, full of green leaues, whereof one spaig was made mounting vppwards toward her heart, and another downe towards her priuy part, and it was written vpon the ouer-thwart branch thus: Fetch'd from the field, let me neuer wither: and vpon the vpper spizig, Hether, and vpon the lower Thecher.

One Peter in a Christmas time, at my L. Keepers had written vpon the backe side of a whole paire of Cards severall Poesies, to be drawne by the Christmas company & assembly there, & amongst others this was one.

Englands high Emprresse great Ioue defend and blesse her,
And keepe in health (good Lord) my good L. Keeper.

Keepe all awake, that none be found a sleeper,

And keepe me too, thy faithfull seruant Peter.

One seeing his enemies Armes drawn vpon a wall with a coale, drew the like vnderneath, and in the first house drew his said enemies chiefe coate, and all the rest of the es-etchion he figured with twenty kindes of pots, cups, and drinking glasses, and wrote vnderneath, thus: These my fore-fathers left me, and I will increase them.

A Widow Countesse vs'd to subscribe all her Letters thus: The dolefull Countesse N. Writing a letter to a plaine Bayliffe of hers in the country, she so subscrib'd it: and he in answer thereto, subscrib'd his letter thus: Your dolefull seruant R.

One who had married a Gentlewoman far his better in degree and calling, wrote her a letter, and subscrib'd it thus: Your worthys base husband N.

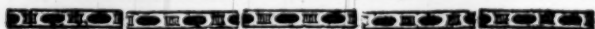
A Noblemans Secretary in a letter which he wrote for his Lord to an vpstart Gent. interlined therein this word Senior: The gallant was hereat in a pelting chafe, as supposing it done purposely to taunt his ignobility: Which the Nobelman vnderstanding by the bearer, will'd his Secretary in his next letter to leane out Senior for god and all, & to leane a great blanke ouer the Letter, and as much margin on either side: The secretary did so: Then the Nobelman in a severall peece of paper, wrote with his owne hand this

this word Senior in faire large Letters, & subscrib'd vnderneath it thus. I send you this word (Senior) written with my owne hand, as acknowledging you a Gent. and withall haue left you space ynough both in the front of my letter, as also in either margin thereof to dispose it where you best please.

T A very olde Gentlewoman, whose name was Mistresse Touselers, one endoz'd his letter thus. To the wordshipfull, &c. mistresse Thousand peares gine this.

A Suter wrote a whole loue-letter to his Mistresse word for word out of Amadis de Gaule: who when she had read it, and remembz'd from whence he had it, the deliuer'd it againe to the bearer, saying: Friend, you mistake, this Letter is to mistresse Laureola.

A Simple Scholler endoz'd his letter to his father thus: To my very obedient god father, &c.



OF SIMILIES.

A Merry Gent. seeing among a many faire young Ladies, one olde withered Widdame, said: Loe, there a Deaths head at the end of a Rosary.

O ne behoulding a house faire caru'd and wrought towards the top, and rude & rough belowe, said it was like a womans Smocke.

O ne that had but here and there a scattred haire on his chinne: Another said it was like a country-parish wasted with plague.

O ne being ask'd why he refus'd to answer one that had highly abus'd him in outragious tearmes: he answered: I am like a deafe man in a Welfrie, that heares not the jangling of the Welles.

A Worze Gent. made an olde Seruiture of his his horse-keeper, and hauing but one horse in all the world, it was noted that when he rode abroad, his man staid at home, & when his man rode forth, then he staid at home: Whereupon

Upon one merrily compar'd them to Castor and Pollux, two
 Starres in the Firmament, whereof one appearing in the e-
 uening, as one as euer the other begins to shew, straight
 peepes in his head, and banisheth out of sight.

A Gentlewoman in a solenne festiuitie, danced with a
 young Gallant a most lofty Leualto : & a Noble man
 there present, said, she resembled the crowne of a good felt
 hat, sone downe, sone vp.

A Polde Merchant had hanging at his girdle a pouch, a
 spectacle case, a punniard, a pen and inkbayne, and a
 hand kercher, with many other trinkets besides : Which
 a mery companion seeing, said : It was like a Habberda-
 shers shop of small wares.

A Man and his wife were a chiding together, & in came a
 friend of theirs, and besought them to forbear one an-
 other, and agree as became man & wife : Whereunto he an-
 swered: know ye that my wife & I are like a paire of cards,
 still in thude with one another all day long, and at night in a
 lumpe together like good friends.

One seeing a Gentlewoman whose face was pure red
 and white, said it was like a shoulder of Mutton new
 cut off from the breaſt.

A Gent. gaue a Gentlewoman a fine twisted bracelet of
 silke and golde, and seeing it the next day upon another
 Gentlewomans wrist, said : It was like a Barbers girdle
 soone slip from one side to another.

One hearing a bagpipe sound ill fauourably, said, it was
 like the noise of a Cat, whiles her taile is a cutting off.

One seeing another thrust out his head, as though hee
 stood harkening to somewhat, said, it was like the head
 of a Citterne.



OF MONVMENTS.

A T Lisborn in the stewards study of the Orphans
 hospitall, is painted in great Letters, these wordes
 upon the wall.

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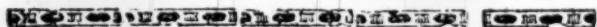
Ante

Ante que des escriue, ante que firmes recius: that is,
Write before you pay, and receiue before you signe.

Charles the seauenth French King, viewing the tombe of Iohn Earle of Bedford in our Ladies Church at Roane, a zealous Gallant of his traine thinking to doe a high scorne to English valour, & please the King with such his French folly, spurn'd the Monument with his foote, and mumbled out withall tearmes of disgrace against the Ghost of that victorious Earle: Which the King seeing, and disliking, said: Oh (fole) scorne we not him dead, whome aliuē we dzeaded.

A Great Lady in this land walking with a merry Gent. in a Gallery, where were a many faire Anticke monuments both in picture and Alabaster: Amongst the rest she espied a marble statue of a Siluan God, all in his nakednesse, and with very bountifull perpendiculars hanging downe be: loine his belly before: Clicking it a god space, in the end she as'd the Gent. what it was like: he answered: It is one of the fire Clearkes: One of the fire Clearkes (quoth she) how so I prayre: he reply'd: Why: se you not (Adam) his huge Pen and Inke-horne?

The end of the sixt part of this booke.



Wits, Fits, and Fancies.

The seauenth part.

OF DRUNKARDS.

A Gent. man was a great Drunkard, and falling off a ladder, broke his nose, so as he was faine to weare a plaster thereon, so great, as couered his nose al ouer: which his master seeing, ask'd him how it came to passe: One of his fellows then standing by, answered: And like your worship

worship, he is sayne to case his nose (as you see) for feare to runne it against Tauerne.

A Flemming had drunke five quartes of wine all alone in a Tauerne, and there lay snoozing vnder the boord: At last he awaked and was sober, & the Draluer ask'd him money for five quartes: he answered, Why (man) that can not be, for my belly neuer holds aboue 5. quartes at a time: Pes, (answered the Draluer) the wine being passing good, one quart sum'd by into your head, and then the other five in your belly make five, so is there five quartes. You haue reason (said the Fleming) and so paid him for five quartes.

A Great Drunkard lying sicke of a burning Feuer, said vnto his Physitian: I would haue you cure my heate, but not my thirst.

A Doctor of phisicke aduise'd a great Drunkard that had but one eye, to beware of wine, least he lost the other: he answered: Nay, Better destroy a window then a whole house.

One aduise'd a great Drunkard still to mingle water with his wine: he answered, If that were good, God would haue done it in the Grape.

A Rich Drunkard misus'd a poore man in tearmes, and the poore man being big and grosse said vnto him: Sir, if you please not to forbear me for my owne sake, yet (I beseech you) forbear me because I am like a Tub.

A Drunkard that had scarce ere a good tooth in his head, one thus beuested him, saying, that the continuall water-course had quite bozned away his quearres.

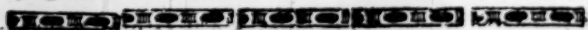
Because King Phillip is the noblest Duch-bloud at this day in all the world, and a Duch-man the greatest drunkard, therefore a Spaniard dispraising one for drunkennes, said: Thou art euen as errand a drunkard as King Phillip.

A Drunkard passing ouer a bridge, his eyes so glar'd that he thought they were two bridges, and stepping vpon the wrong bridge, downe he tumbled in the brooke, where drinking his belly full of water, he continued, saying: No more now Hostesse, no more now.

A Merry Officer of London passing by an Alehouse, where he saw a couple of good fellows a drinking, & kept in unto them, & ask'd them who they were: They answered: Cleark of S. Magnes, and Derten of Boc: He then adieyn'd: And J. Recorder of London: They (hollidell) fill in my pot too.

I In a countrey parish an Alehouse stood close by the church porch, and the Vicar saying service on a time, overheard certaine good fellows a quaffing and earolling in the said Alehouse: Whereupon he fell from the function, and said: Sirs, it is no reason that yonder fellows should partake of our prayers, and we not tast of their Ale: And with that he shut up his booke and to the Ale-house he went, and all the parish after him.

O He put a frogge into a Dutchmans pot, & hee drinking swallovd it cleane downe: Being ask'd whether he felt not any thing in his draught, he answered: No, nothing but a little mote.



OF NOSES.

O He had a Nose like a bunch of grapes, and passing along the street, two women methinks, and seeing such a nose, stood still a while, & gazed thereupon: He asking them why they stood still and went not about their busines: they answered: because your nose stands in our way: With that he wry'd his nose aside with his finger, and sayd: On (ye whores) so; (soe) now way is made yee.

O He that had a huge nose hearing another say that in Germany, thieves are punished with diminution of their noses, said: When will I goe into Germany, and commit some halfe dozen robberies there, and so returne home againe both rich and with a better nose.

O He was a saying that he greatly marvel'd at Iohn a-Nokes his great nose: an other answered: Say not so but thus: that you greatly marvel at Iohn of Noses: so; in saying so, you give the lesse to the greater, & otherwise, the greater to the lesse, which is unproper.

O Bethab had a mightie nose, and a very thin beard, another commented thereupon, saying, that the shadow of his nose hindered the growth of his beard, as doth the shadow of the Worke the growing by of the Nettle.

In Spaine it is a law, all swords and Rapiers to be of one length: A huge nos'd Constable took one with a Rapier above that shantling, and took it from him, and caus'd it to be cut shorter, & then deliver'd it him againe, saying: Know ye now from henceforth, that the law allowes all too much to be diminished: Th' other answered: Diminish then your nose.

A mighty nos'd Courtier having retir'd himselfe for a time, into the country, ask'd a friend of his that came from the court, what newes was said of him there: he answered: Your Nose.

One seeing a great dunbar'd with a huge nose all to be set with pimples blue and red, said, it was the soule of the wine ascended into the region of his nose, and those pimples the Petcoys that redounded thereof.

Sir Thomas Moores Lady was very curious and neat in her attire, and going one day to Church, she bid her Gentlewoman look whether her gown pleats stood even behind, and whether all were well and right about her: Sir Thomas himselfe then standing by, and noting her curiosity, and with all her wry nose, said: Faith (wife) there is yet one fault more then your maid sees, neither do I well see how it can be holpen. She being then very earnest with her Gentlewoman to finde it out, and halfe out of patience that she was so long a looking it, at last ask'd Sir Thomas what fault it was: he merrily answered: Your nose.

OF BREATH.

A Great totted cheese-eater had baited his trappe with cheese, and another seeing it, said unto him: What neede you bait your Trap with cheese: doe you but sleepe with your mouth wide open a nights, and

all the while in the chamber will enter therein.

One asking a Cony catchers man, how it chanced his breath stunk so foze: he answered, with keeping my maisters counsell.

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OF FACE AND SKARRES.

A Gent. not the best favour'd, came early in a colde winters morning to visit a Gentlewoman, & by reason the frost had soze nipt his nose, & somewhat bluely disfigured it, he said vnto him: Lord (maister F.) how ill fauour'dly you looke this morning: he answer'd. Faith neither of vs both looke very well when we are at the best.

One that with ouer much fasting and austere life, had wrought himselfe exceedingly pale & leane in the cheeks, another saying vnto him, said: Lord how ponder pooze wretch hath terrified himselfe with fasting.

One disparra'd vnto his friend a certaine Gentlewomans hard fauour, and said: if you saw her by day, you would loath her by night.

A Gentleman entring into a prison to visit a friend of his, the porter (who had a great skarre in his face) demanded his weapon: The Gent. gaue it him, saying: Hold here (friend) and see thou make much of it, for I assure thee it is not it that did thee that disgrace, pointing to his face.

A Gent. hauing a quarrell with a neighbour of his, sent by and downe the country for hackstares and good fellows: Among others, two that had vgly great skarres in their faces proffered him their seruice: which he refus'd, saying: Bring me them that gaue you those skarres.

A Maid accus'd a sterne fac'd fellow before a Justice, ascribing that he had rauish'd her, & the Justice asking him whe ther it were true, he answered: Your Worship sees my face, other foze I offered none.

A Gent. saying to a foule fac'd fellow: How like you you?
 Ader maide che seing her il fauour'd, answered: like me.

OF BEARD.

One that had a bush-beard, and vs'd euermore to
 sweare thereby, an other said unto him: Daring
 no Ale house, what nade you sweare so by your
 bush.

A Judge condemn'd a red bearded fellow to be whipt at a
 Cartes taile: And it was afterwards euident that he
 was innocent of the fact: The Judge being tolde asmuch,
 answered: Yet is he cruelly whipt for hauing a red beard.

OF BLINDNES.

A Poore mans eye was stroken out with a stone, and it
 hung onely by a little string: Going presently to a
 Surgion to haue it put in againe, he whiles the Sur-
 gion was buile about his preparatiues and trinkets,
 said unto him: How thinke you I (pray) shall I lose my eye?
 No (answered the Surgion) for (behold) I haue it here in
 my hand.

A Gentlewoman who was blinde of one eye, her rude
 husband call'd her euermore both in mirth and anger
 blinde bussard: Certaine Strangers being at dinner with
 him on a time, a Gent. of the company was also blinde of
 one eye, and he then calling his wife blinde Bussard, adioyn-
 ed afterwards to please the Gentleman, Sir, I meane not
 you, I meane the the blinde Bussard my wife.

One endoz'd his letter to a blinde-man, thus:
 To him that but by smelling knowes,
 Nor good, nor bad before his nose.

This he deliuered.

A Schole-maister raising by his Schollers early in a morning, said unto them: I having but one eye, can see to rise at break of day, and you with each of your two eyes can scarce see day at none.

A Blinde man married a faire wife, and on the marriage day hee all to imbrac'd and kist her before all the company: shee in modestie requested him to forbear till night: he answered: Nay (Wife) all is night with me.

A One say'd Gent. serv'd a very hydone Distresse, who from a time being fall'nly dispos'd, soe he shanted such his eyes defect: and hee in reference to her swart complexion, answered: I pray, be not possid the sable-Croime that fall pines at the eye. Take it interrogatively & it soundes better.

A Soorring man having but one eye, came into a Fence: Schole, and play'd with another at fence, & it was his chance to have th' other eye stricken out too: W^h then seeing himselfe al in darke, laid downe thesoples, and said unto the company: My maisters, God giue you all good night.

One that had but one eye, saying to another: How say ye, will you play with me for an eye: th' other answered, I, but how will you see to play and stake too:

OF FAT AND GROSSE.

One Hoopes was apprehended upon suspicion of Felonie, & two very big men came to haile him: The Justice being thicke of hearing, ask'd a Sarscant by, what they said, who answered: Mary, (sir) these Tubbes are come for Hoopes.

A Bigge Justice going in Cirenit, a plaine country-man came to him & said. I humbly beseech your Wighnesse to doe me Justice: he answered: When haust said better, My Wighnesse to doe thee justice.

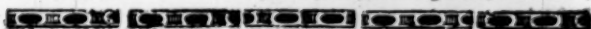
One proffered his friend his big and fat daughter in marriage, who withall a very rich portion. The other gaue

gave him hartie thanks therfore, and said: One quarter of her will serue my turne well ynough, tohercfoze you may doe well to seke her out some other husbands for the rest.

O He ask'd an aged man, how it chanced that he being of those yeares, he continued so fat withall: he answered: Neuer was I yet a husband nor a seruant.

A Gentlewoman commending a Gent. to his face, and saying, that he was a goodly big man: he answered: All that is great is not good, but all that is good is great.

O He seeing a big fat Gent. and a leane Gent. standing together, said: Loe ponder Shyone-type and Lent.



OF LEANES.

A Gent. taxed a Gentlewoman of ouer much leannesse, and she answered: Small and delicate is the needle at the end of a Goad, that prickes the Dre forward.

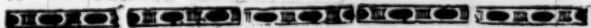
O f a very leane gentlewoman that had no more breasts then a boarde, one said: That she was like a Henne robb'd of all her garbadge,

O He seeing a grosse man and a leane man standing together, swoze, that he neuer in all his life, saw a Lute and a Gitterne better consozted.

Vpon the Tombe of a very leane Lady this Epitaph was engrauen:

Here in this graue repose a Ladies bones,
As full of flesh as when they were living ones.

A Leane Gentlewoman, whose seruants name was Ounce-bread, one thus beielled her to her face: It seemes (quoth he) you eate not aboute an ounce of bread at a meale.



OF CROOKEDNES AND

Lamenesse.

The Duke of Medina Celi hauing a crook'd backe Lady to his wife, ask'd his Yester on a time, what he thought

of his stately new hall at Madredejos : The Wite answered:
A stately hall indeed (my L.) and a tall, yet cannot my Lady
your Lady stand upright therein.

A Crookback'd Plaintiffe, besought a Judge to doe him
right, and the Judge answered: Well may I heare you,
but right I cannot doe ye.

A Blinde man of one eye met his bunch back'd neighbour
early in the morning, and said vnto him: Good morrow
(neighbour) what, your burthen on your backe so rare in
a morning? The bunch backe answered: If it be morning
(as you say) how chances it you haue but one window yet
open?

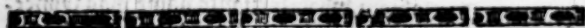
Some body hauing stolne away a stump'd footed fel-
lowes shoes: hee said: Now, I pray God who euer
hath them, well may they sit him.

One seeing a very mishapen and crooked person in the
streets said, that he had a Camell to his Purse.

A Gent. seeing a monstrous yll-fauor'd and crooked wo-
man in the streets, said vnto his companion: See you
der: The more a man can finde in his heart to hate her, the
better may hee loue the deuill.

A Captaine dispatching a lame souldier out of his band,
the souldier mal-content said vnto him: The warres
need no men that can run away, but such as can hide by it.

One quarrelling with a lame man, threathned that he
would make him set his foot straight ere he had don: The
lame man answered: In so doing I will accompt you my
friend.



OF CHILDREN.

One said to a little child whose father died that mor-
ning, he was layd out in a coffin in the Bitchin, Alas my
pretty child, thy father is now in heauen: the child answered,
Dad, that is he not: for he is yet in the Bitchin.

The Earle of Aymone vs'd to say, that he is lucky vn-
lucky that hath no children.

One who had 8. daughters, his wife was brought a bed of a ninth, & so soone as it was christened, it died: He seeming to take it very heavily, a friend of his came to comfort him, & said: Having so many faire daughters besides, what need you lament so grievously for the losse of one? He answered: Oh give me leave, for this was truly a good one.

One bled to say that the benefit of children is, that now and then they tattle somewhat which delights the father, whereby they partly mitigate his misery at their mothers hands.

A Gentle walking without his gate, saw certaine waggos tottring upon a cart, and all to brake it, and he soe rated them therefore: in the meane time came by a neighbour of his, who sought this cart, and the Gentleman asking him whether he went, he answered: To seeke out a Herod to auenge me of these boyes.

A Whistion discharged a Caliver at an old Physicke book which was left him by his Grandfather, and it was his hap to shoot it cleane through; which his little child standing by, and seeing, said: I warrant you (father) my grandfather neuer couerit it through halfe so soone.

The father forgot to give his little child meate at dinner: Whereupon the child pray'd him to give him some salt: Salt (said the father) and wherefore salt (my boy?) Marle father (he answered) for the meat you are to give me.

One whose name was Blackmere was a very foule blackeman, and he had a very faire childe: Whereupon a friend of his meeting him in a morning with his said little one in his armes, said unto him: Why how now? what, a Black a Dooze turned to white?

A Schoole-master whose name was Salter read Terence to his Schollers in a country parish: A Goodman and his wife were at ods about their pottage at dinner time, he finding fault that they were too salt, and she affirming that they were too fresh: At last the Goodman said to his little boy there at dinner with them: Tell me (lacke) how saist thou: are these pottage fresh or salt? The boy answered: They may very well read Terence (Father.)

A Passenger returning back by a blinde Ale house, where he had laine that day seauen night afore, desir'd his Host to bolle him a ioynt of powder'd Meale. such as hee provided him the time before, saying, it was the best meate that euer he ate. You shall sir (answered the Hoste) and so departed: With that a little child of his standing by, saide vnto the Passenger: If my Father should lose a horse every weeke, it would be deare Meale to him.

A Physitions childe was sicke of a burning feauer, and hee forbad his folke in any case to giue him water to drinke: The childe hearing such his Fathers encharge, within a while after call'd for a little help: water to drinke, which they telling maister Doctor of, hee then said: What (a deuill) doth the Ape call for water from heauen: Say, then let him haue it, or any other water besides.

One that toke vpon him much gentrie, & was no Gent. his little Tonnes were a tumbling in a heaps of strawe in the streete, which a Gentleman (a neighbour of his) seeing out at his window, said vnto his wife: There a good deede powder gallowses were whipp'd: see how they tumble and dedust themselves in the strawe: she answered: No, let them alone, for it saith betokens their Gentrie.

The Countesse of Kenenue aduised a Gentlewoman her neighbour, not to dote too deeply vpon her little Babe least the losse of it should greiue her all to narry.

¶ OF AGE.

One that had a white head and a blacke beard, another ask'd him how it came to passe: hee answered, Marie, the haire of my head is twenty yeares older then my beard.

A Noble man had attain'd to 86. yeares of age, & neuer in all his life had taken physike: At last hee wished verie grievously: and at the earnest instance of his friends consented to take physike: When came the Apothecary to him thre or foure daies together with preparatiue sicrops

Herbs and potions; all which he receined, and bid his man after the Pothecary was gone, to put it all together into a close steele. At last came maister Doctor himselfe to visit him, and biewing what filthy stuffe was in the close steele, hee said: Sir, you are a happy man to be rid of these bad humours in your body: See here the benefite of Physicke, and your life preseru'd: The Noble man answered: Gramercie close steele.

O He ask'd an olde man how long he had liu'd: hee answered: A while, but a great many yeares.

O He vs'd to say, that a man being once arriv'd to 50. ought rather bethinke himselfe to receive death well, then to enlarge his life longer.

O He meeting an olde man all trembling on his steele, said unto him: The house that is once come to prop, is neare falling.

O He being demanded what was an old mans greatestt difficultie, hee answered: To afford rewardes.

O He vs'd to say, that an olde man to chare himselfe paintyly, is to make his death more bitter.

O He wou'd to say, that of all avarice th' olde mans is worst, considering that to hoord by treasure in the age of death when a man is not likely to live to spend it, is extreamefollie.

A Noble Gent wou'd to say, that thre things were increas'd unto him by olde age: viz. To see more, to doe more, and command more: To see more, by reason hee was faine to use spectacles to make his letters seeme the greater: To doe more, in that alighting off his horse, he was readie to drawe the saddle after him: To command more, for that hee was faine to speake twentie times, before ere he could get his men to stirre.

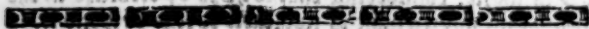
A Noble Gentlewoman, going to the house of office, espy'd a looking glasse that lay there vpon a shelve: Taking it, and biewing herselfe therein, and seeing how wrinkled and yllfaour'd she was, she threwo it downe againe, saying: Hee on thee false and yllfaour'd glasse: Euen for being such, it is mete thou lie in such an obscure place as this.

Ald man biewing himselfe in a looking-glasse all wrinkled and hoarie, his eyes deepe sunke into his head, and his cheekes also for want of teeth, said: Lord, to see the difference of looking-glasses: I remember when I was a young man I tooke pleasure to biew my selfe in a glasse, so well mettled were they in those dayes.

Ald Noble man lay in the same chamber, in a senecall bed from his Lady, and rising one night to put himselfe into her, he chanced to stumple his nose against the bed-sted: wherewith he awaking, and saying: who is there: he answered: Some what it was (Lady) was comming towards you, but now it is downe againe.

A young Gentlewoman had bestowed her selfe vpon an old knight whose name was Steven Templer: Wherupon one merrily said, that she had buried her selfe quick in the Tombe of an old knight of the Temple.

Ald Gentlemans young virginall in loue, meeting him in a morning, said vnto him: Obe sir, swete loue be seimes not your yeares: he answered, If you meane it by me, know ye that in my country a man of fifty yeares is accounted younger then an Assent Assene.



OF GARRVLITY.

A talkatiue Gentlewoman had lost most of her teeth, and asking a Physitian the cause of it, she being both young and healthy, he answered: Your tongue beats so much against your teeth.

One that had a long shar in his face, and was erranding talkatiue, a friend of his said vnto him: Hauing the Meanes in your cheek, me thinkes you should haue the bridle in your mouth:

Vpon a passing talkatiue Gentlewomans Tombe this Epitaph was engrauen.

Heere lies interr'd a most renowned Dame,
Whose lips no closure ever misbecame.

But

But as she liu'd, and neuer linn'd to talke,
So now in death she leaues each tongue to walke
In daily tittle tattle of such her fault.

Sir Thomas Moore hearing one tell a monstrous lie, said:
I would not so; any god heare him say his Creed, least it
should seeme a lie.

OF DREAMES.

A Jester begg'd a garment of Don Alonso de Aguilar,
and said: Sir, I dream'd this last night that you gaue
me that garment vpon your backe, how like you my
dycame: he answered: Auant drunken knaue beloue
no dycames.

OF SICKNES.

A Delicate Gent. finding himselfe somewhat distem-
pered, sent his water to a Physitian, who seeing it to
be very good, and arguing perfect health, came anon
after to visit the Gent. and ask'd him how he did: he
answered: Dicke: How sale you your stomacke: Well:
Is it euen so: (then said the Doctor) Are you sicke with eat-
ing well, and sleeping well: He giue you somewhat shall
soone remedie all that.

On asking a Physitian whether such a one were not
dangerous sicke: he answered: No, not dangerous but
in danger.

A Whole man asked a sicke man in his sit, how he did: he
answered: In respect of God, euen as you doe.

A Rich Farmer bestow'd his daughter vpon an old, poore,
and sickly Gent. and comming on a time to visite him
sick & a bed, he met his daughter at the chamber doore, and
asking

asking her how her husband did, she answered: Doe as he may for me (father:) Woe (for your part) to endow me with his blood, haue binde me my self.

A Gent. being extreame sicke, his kinsmen will'd him in any case to lend for a Physitian: he answered, No (I pray) let me die at leisure.

A Sicke Gent. was forbidden to drinke wine, and being extreame hot and thirstie, he besought the Physitions to permit him one draught: no more: They though his much importunitie condescended (condition) he to drinke a draught of water presently after: So, off he drunke the wine: and then being after ward offered the water: he refus'd it, saying: How am I not a thirst.

A Gent. being sicke of the droppe, call'd for a draught of water: And his Physitian will'd him in any case to forbear, affirming that he could not live aboue two houres at the most: Wh (answered the Gent.) then will I drinke those two houres in water.

A Gentlewoman hauing surfeited of graine fruite, the Physitian gaue her a vomit: And she in vomiting, cast vp also all the good meat she had eaten: which she espying, said: How is vertue punished with vice.

A Sick old woman asking her Physitian how he thought she should die: he answered: euen as a leafe that can no longer bide vpon the tree: She reply'd: What: like an orange leafe (I pray:)

OF TALNES & LITTLENES.

Two sisters being in place together, whereof the younger was tall and a maide, and th'other a wife & great with child, a Gent. in the company said vnto th' elder: Who shall it be your younger sister out groweth you in height: She answered: Because I out growe her in thickness.

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A exceeding tall man presenting his service to a great Prince, the Prince began to admire at his hugeness, and he to make himselfe lesse monstrous, said: And please you Sir, I haue a Brother who doth farre exceede mee in every proportion: what said the Prince, had you a Brother to your father?

A Very little Gent. riding on the way, out-rid his men a prettie way before: They meeting with a Frenchler, ask'd him whyther he met not such a Gent. before: he answered: Not any, unless I met some halfe mile hence a horse that carried a hat vpon the saddle pommel, and a boote hanging downe on either side.

A little Courtier came best at tilt before the Emperour Charles, and the waggs of the Court said, that the paltry Spee was best.

A Very little man talking with a monstrous Lunges, stept to a ladder by, and toke it, and rested it against his shoulder, & began to climbe by therupon: The Lunges maruelling thereat, ask'd him what (a Gods name) he say'd: hee answered: Parie, to th'end you may heare me.

One seeing a scab vpon a little Vandeprats hand, said: How see I that I neuer sawe, a scabb vpon a hand-worme.

One seeing a dwarfe in the street of forty foure yeares olde, saide: It see hee as long agoing from a man, as hee is growiug to a man, out of doubt the Age will neuer dye.

A Charnon of Toledo, who was a man of very lowe and slender stature, scoldingly ask'd a pious Fryer that had but one eye, what hee vs'd to pray for at Gods hand, affirming that it were right necessarie he pray'd vnto him for another eye: Indeede sir (answered the Fryer) I had neede haue two eyes, to discerne so pettie a got by ground as you.

A little prettie scouldier dismounted his foe-man, and saide: How sealest thou thine eye? The other looked round about him, and answered: I see not to habbin.

One bring ask'd why he married so little a wife: hee answered: Of euills, the least is best.

One that was very tall & a big man, another said, he was good to make a doctory, because if he should chance to lide the way that belongeth, he might discharge his pouches at the gables with some pay to the house.

One seeing a tall Ranges & a little man together, said: that it was like Paules steeple ouer St. Fakes Church.

A Chilly personable man, offered to accompany a dwarf in the street, saying, that the people would the lesse gaze and wonder at his miserable limbecke. The Dwarf answered, that he wold not be so much troubled, as to see him an idle along by me, and not knowe and a dwarf had alread

A Dwarf woman falling in love with an exceeding tall Gentleman, she askt her: how she durst hazard her selfe, to encounter with such an of his husband. and he answered: Hath not a bulhel poake, & a quarter sack mouthes of one widowes.

A Gentleman seeing a very little woman, married to a most huge and capotent man, askt her how she durst venture to be vnder such a mountaine: and she answered: Hadst thou not some wit, a little wozme lies vnder a mighty stone.

A Gentleman of a most exceeding lowe stature, standing to see a pageant passe through the Citty, a girl of some fine yeares old chanced to stand before him: and he commaunded her to stand away, but she intreated his patience, & then he in rage thowpe that if she did not stand away, she could not see the Pageant.

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A Gentleman being terrified with a steepe by a couple of hoxes, the boat leached, and was in danger of capsizing.

The Gent. then seeing the danger said vnto them : God hopes, as ye are men so we hopes.

A Gentleman lying very sicke a bed, heard a passing bell ring out, and said vnto his Physitian : Tell me (maister Doctor) is yonder musicke for my dancing?

A Old Gent. in his death bed, overheard his wife praying at his beds fete, thus : Lord, I beseech thee, reuoke this dome of death from my deare husband, and let it light vpon me: Whereunto he answered : Gramercie (god wife) I for my part am content, if God be agreed.

A Gentleman lying sicke at a Banour-house of his call'd Ponde, would needs be remoued thence to another house which he had a foure or fife miles off, and being ask'd why he so desir'd change he answered : Because I list not die like a fish in a Ponde.

A Spanish Carle was a great swearer, and hunting one day in a Forrest, and hauing lost his company, ranging by and downe in the darke, chanced to fall horse and man into a very deepe Pine-pit, where hee remained all that night, not forgetting in the meane time to bethinke himselfe of a many good thoughtes, and namely, among the rest he was right penitent of his sinne in swearing, bowing, that if it pleas'd God to deliuer him out of that pickle, he would neuer whiles he liu'd swear more. By chance his Spaniell being with him when hee fell, was so kinde as he would not depart from the place, but there remained bawling & howling all the while, till at last certaine Paslingers traueilling that way the next morning, and ouer-hearing the Dogs pitteous clamour, made to the place, and looking downe into the pit, espied the Gentleman lying there with his backes as they had about them, & seeing him on firme ground. When he looking downe into the hole to see how deepe he had fallen, and finding it very deepe, call'd out a legion of huge oathes, saying : God graunt me and his passion, is this a fit place for a Noble man to fall into?

A Gent. lying a bed, an old woman came to visite him, and asking him before a great many there present, whether he knew her or no : hee answered : Yes full well, an er-

and Youde thou art (so God shall helpe mee.) Then shee telling him that that was no meet time to flander his poore neighbour: he reply'd: Yes, it is best telling truth in the house of death.

A Doctor being draine along on a horse to execution, casting up his eyes, and seeing a multitude of people about him, said: *Dum bone quos Ceruus circa unum Cadaver.*

A Rich Churle and a begger, were buried at one time in the same Church-uarde, & the bellies rung out anaine for the miser: Now, the Miser to his soue and Creator, at the ende the world might not thinke that all that ringing was for the begger, but for his father, he'd a Trumpetter to stand all the ringing-while in the Welfrie, and betwixt every peale to sound his Trumpet, and proclaim aloud, & say: Sirres, this next peale is not for R. but for maister N. his father.

One telling a vertuous Gentlewoman that her picture was broken: shee answered, Then is but the shadow of a shadowe gone.

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